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Campaign set to launch for more affordable housing in West Dorset

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A NEW campaign demanding more genuinely affordable housing in West Dorset will be launched later this month.

Afford a Home – West Dorset is the brainchild of Bridport resident Roy Mathisen and Vince Adams from Dorchester who want to inform the public about the affordable housing crisis and work towards sustainable affordable solutions.

They want work with West Dorset District Council to amend the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan to prioritise genuinely affordable housing, request that the local housing need be re-evaluated and new housing targets set and to encourage landowners to consider releasing or even donating land for developments.

The pair report that there are more than 1,400 households on the housing register in West Dorset, which represents around 3,000 people.

Mr Mathisen said: "In a prosperous district like West Dorset that is absolutely shocking – shameful.

"The West Dorset housing plan simply will not work. It will not deliver the homes we need for those in housing poverty – it is not fit for purpose.

"The plan is based on a completely false premise. What West Dorset needs is genuinely affordable homes, particularly for our younger people."

Mr Mathisen and Mr Adams point out that the housing shortage in the local area is actually an affordable housing shortage and when local authorities built council houses there was not the housing shortage people now face.

Mr Mathisen added: "To solve this problem we are going to build thousands of new homes that are for sale on the open market and use part of the profits on those sales to help subsidise so-called affordable homes.

"The problem with that approach is two-fold. First, the government has conveniently re-defined affordable as 80 per cent of open market price, which makes a three-bedroomed private sector rented home cost around £600 a month, which requires a gross household income of nearly £30,000 to be affordable, and yet the median household income in West Dorset is around £26,000, which means that well over half of West Dorset households cannot afford to pay that much.

"What is more, those people that cannot afford it are those in housing need. That simply does not help.

"The second major question mark against this policy involves the question of who will buy the open market homes.

"The government's Office of National Statistics (ONS) predicts that 22,000 new people will move into West Dorset from other parts of the UK by 2030, so who are going to buy these thousands of new homes on the open market in West Dorset? Well if history is anything to go by these homes will be bought by more incoming retirees.

"And our people in housing need? Well they will not benefit from the so-called 'affordable rented' homes nor will they ever be able to afford the new homes on the open market.

"It is crystal clear that people need to understand why our local plan will not work and they need to know that there are other ways of tackling these problems – without asking the government to provide the money, which they can't anyway."

The launch of Afford a Home – West Dorset will take place on Friday, May 12th at 7pm in the Electric Palace.

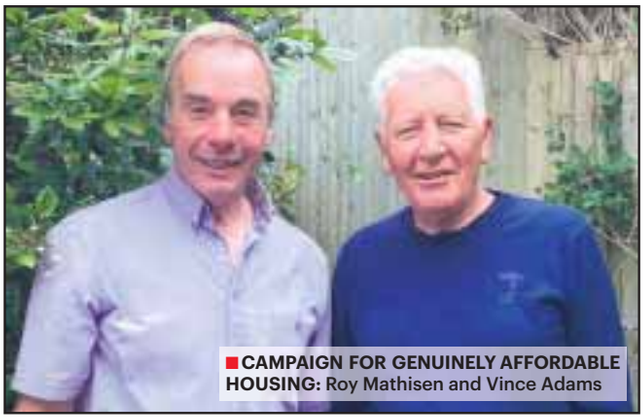
Speakers will include Roy Mathisen and Vince Adams, with Cllr Ros Kayes chairing the proceedings.

The first section will cover the nature and scale of the affordable housing crisis and how it happened, the local plan and what local people can do to influence change.

The second part will focus on the pair's work with experts aiming to deliver new homes that they are calling 'affordable powerhouses' – homes that are affordable, carbon negative, generate most of their own energy and make that energy available around the clock.

They are also working with the private sector to help deliver funding for affordable homes in West Dorset. There will be question and answer sessions after each section.

Roy Mathisen and Vince Adams have created a video to explain the campaign which can be found at http://affordahomewestdorset.co.uk



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Police invite volunteers to sign up to Community Speed Watch

DORSET Police is inviting local communities who have concerns about speeding in their area to sign up to Community Speed Watch.

The initiative gives local communities the opportunity to get actively involved in road safety, with teams operating in villages, towns and urban areas across Dorset to discourage motorists from speeding.

Volunteers use hand-held devices to record and monitor details of motorists seen speeding and can also note drivers suspected of using a mobile phone or not wearing a seatbelt. The police then send warning letters to these motorists and if drivers are persistently caught, they will be targeted by the force's No Excuse team.

The information collected also helps Dorset Police identify areas and times for wider targeted road safety operations.

On Saturday, April 29th, Broadstone Community Speed Watch in conjunction with Dorset Road Safe will be holding an awareness event in the Broadway in Broadstone, adjacent to Bugdens between 10am and 2pm.

The event provides an opportunity for members of the community to meet current volunteers, find out more about the scheme and other road safety enforcement and education initiatives in Dorset.

Brian Austin, Road Safety Operations Manager, said: "Speeding increases the risk of serious injury and fatal collisions and Community Speed Watch has a huge part to play in reducing road casualties across Dorset.

"I would like to remind motorists that Community Speed Watch volunteers do not replace the camera safety vans that may also be deployed to these areas, but they add to the education of motorists and act as a reminder of the need to stay at the speed limit indicated."

Geoff Daulman, Broadstone Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator, said: "A duty will normally last an hour in any one location.

"Using equipment supplied to us, we record registration details of all vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit.

"These details are passed back to the Road Safe Team who then arrange for advisory letters to be sent out, or for a police officer to visit the registered keeper for further advice.

"I am pleased to work in conjunction with Dorset Police in raising awareness of the dangers of speeding and to hopefully educate drivers to slow down."

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Colin Pipe said: "Driving can become so routine that many motorists drift onto auto-pilot, experience lapses in concentration and forget their speed.

"This can be particularly problematic in Dorset's rural areas where roads are narrow and shared by drivers and pedestrians alike.

"The presence of Community Speed Watch teams not only encourages motorists to drive appropriately to the conditions, but improves the quality of life for residents. I would like to thank those that give up their time to support the force's efforts to make the roads of Dorset safer."

If you would like to volunteer your time as part of Community Speed Watch, please visit www.dorset.police.uk/CSW

The 2017 Dorset Tourism Awards now open for entry

THIS year's Dorset Tourism Awards are now open – and businesses are invited to enter by the deadline of midnight on June 16th.

After a record year, in which the region's tourism awards schemes attracted 605 entries with over 135 winners, the 2017/18 awards have been launched and hospitality businesses across Dorset are invited to enter.

This year builds on the success of the past as well as seeing a few changes. There is a new Guided Tour category for tours on land and water, new awards for Spa & Wellbeing, Active & Sporting Experience and Artistic, Cultural & Learning Experience.

There are also criteria changes for Hotels, Holiday Parks and Visitor Information Service. Other categories include Glamping, Self Catering, Dog Friendly, Access & Inclusivity, B&Bs, Cafes, Pubs, Restaurants, B&Bs, Attractions, Business Tourism, Customer Service, Sustainable Tourism & Events & Festivals.

The awards launch follows just days after Dorset's success in the final event of the 2016/17 awards when The Anchor at Seatown was amongst the top winners in the national VisitEngland awards, having previously won in both the Dorset and South West awards. This was in addition to Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, and Dorset House Boutique B&B, both of which were national finalists.

Feedback from 2016 awards entrants has been used to further develop and refine the awards process, with entrants highlighting that their main reason for taking part was to help raise the quality of their businesses and for the free feedback provided. This has led to additional workshops being held for entrants.

Headline sponsors Saffery Champness partner Nick Fernyhough advised, "Tourism remains a key area of the Dorset economy despite ongoing economic uncertainty. It will be interesting to see if Brexit will provide a welcome boost for UK tourism and make this sector even more important. We are delighted to be the headline sponsor for the fourth consecutive year and celebrating these prestigious awards which recognise and reward excellence in this essential sector."

Organiser of the awards Robin Barker said: "Like any good tourism business the awards continue to evolve and develop and this year is no exception. Last year saw record entries as well as wide-ranging feedback, and we look forward to working closely with entrants in helping them stay at the forefront of quality tourism."

The deadline for entering the awards is midnight on June 16th, but businesses are encouraged to start preparing now and not leave it to the last minute. Entry is free, the programmes being funded by a range of sponsors and partners, and all entrants receive feedback.

Full details can be found on the Dorset Tourism Awards website at www.dorsettourismawards.org.uk or on Twitter at @swtourismawards and @DorsetTourAwds

Voluntary offender tagging scheme proves a success

DORSET Police say their scheme where offenders voluntarily wear tags in a bid to stop re-offending has been a success.

The voluntary offender tagging scheme provides offenders with the opportunity to be fitted with a GPS tag for an agreed period while they are on probation or following their release from prison.

Initially launched as a trial in Dorset three years ago, the scheme is now regularly used as one of several offender management tools where co-operating offenders are fitted with the tag to discourage them from re-offending.

Originally reserved for prolific and other priority offenders, now any offender may be considered for the scheme.

Sixty offenders have been fitted with tags since the scheme has been running and only seven have reoffended whilst wearing the tag.

In all but one of those cases the tag evidence prompted a guilty plea and in one case that went to trial, the tag evidence secured a conviction.

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Revised application submitted for Vearse Farm

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HALLAM Land Management has submitted a revised outline planning application for the development of the Vearse Farm site in Symondsbury.

The application comprises 760 homes, a care home, four hectares of employment land, a mixed use local centre, a primary school, playing fields and areas of open space.

The submission follows a previous application made by Hallam in August 2016.

Savills, an agent for Hallam, report that the amendments are the result of updated survey information, responding to the local community and overcoming objections raised in the previous application.

The Environment Agency had recommended refusal of the application until developers could come up with plans to stop flooding on the site and Highways England also recommended that planning permission not be granted for six months to provide time for Hallam to agree planning conditions to secure a suitable scheme for traffic accessing the A35.

A spokesperson for Savills said: "The current proposals include a number of changes from the previous application, reflecting the extensive work that has been undertaken over the last 18 months in relation to transport, flood risk and master planning.

"This has included additional community engagement through a series of workshops and working group meetings, as well as meetings and correspondence with stakeholders."

A masterplan document has been prepared, which sets out the key principles for the development of the site.

The spokesperson added:"An updated transport assessment taking into account comments made on the previous application by Highways England and Dorset County Council highways has been included.

"This includes junction assessments and safety audits for the proposed improvements to the Miles Cross junction.

"An updates flood risk assessment based on the new flood risk modelling work undertaken in consultation with the Environment Agency has been included.

"The surface water drainage strategy has been updated with modifications to the sustainable drainage systems to manage surface water runoff and ensure development does not worsen flood risk to surrounding areas.

"No homes are proposed in areas at risk of flooding.

"A revised environmental statement with updates to chapters covering transport, noise, drainage and flood risk, biodiversity, landscape and visual, socio-economic effects and planning policy has been included."

New pedestrian and cycle links from the site to Magdalen Lane and through the site to improve access to the town have also been added.

Developers have also included a new woodland planting belt along the southern edge of the site and additional green space, including new locations for allotments and community food growing areas.

The submitted proposals are available to view at www.dorsetforyou.com, using planning application number WD/D/17/000986.

Campaign group condemns latest 'massive development' proposals

MEMBERS of Advearse have condemned the latest master plan drawn up by Hallam Land Management for the Vearse Farm site.

The master plan is a guide to the delivery of the development, including stages of the development, sketches of the proposed development, the developers aims and key principles.

A spokesperson said: "We are surprised and disappointed that there is no attempt to consider the impact such a massive development will have on the town as a whole.

"Advearse has always viewed the decision about building on Vearse Farm as one of the most important decisions in Bridport's history.

"We have campaigned for more than four years to inform people about the development, we therefore would urge as many people as possible, whether for or against the scheme, to make their comments.

"We believe in local democracy and it is important that West Dorset District councillors have the fullest idea of what local people think.

"We are pleased to see that the scheme includes a significant number of affordable houses – this is vital for the future of Bridport.

"We are intrigued to see yet more sweeteners – such as a community food growing area and a community orchard in the flood zone. Are they thinking we won't notice they have also sneaked in more than 760 houses?"

The key concerns held by members of Advearse regarding the Vearse Farm development include, increased flood risk, increase in traffic, the size of the development and the effect it would have on the infrastructure.

The spokesperson added: "Hallam claim to have produced a master plan after 'extensive work over the past 18 months' but Advearse has researched the creation of master plans in other areas of the country and have to tell local people that the Hallam process falls way short of national best practice.

"As an example, we would cite the fact that nothing has been done about town centre parking which will be badly affected by the new houses.

"Lack of parking will severely discourage market visitors and holiday makers.

"Our initial comments hold good. Incremental growth is healthy for towns – Vearse Farm is too many houses too fast.

"There is no local demand for so many houses and there are no exceptional reasons for building on good farm land in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

"We will be using all means at our disposal to inform people about what is proposed and urging opposition to the scheme.

"We are keen to hear from others who share our concerns."

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Beaminster Award for Young People

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THE young people of Beaminster have been praised and recognised for being "fantastic" at the annual presentation of the Beaminster Award for Young People.

The certificates were presented by Paula Buxton, a youth worker at Beaminster Youth Club, at the Beaminster annual parish meeting, who spoke about the success of the youth club after Dorset County Council ceased to fund it and the work of the volunteers to keep it going.

She said: "I didn't expect to be here again after the youth service was disbanded nearly a year ago now, I gave my final speech here, or so I thought, and said goodbye to everyone.

"But thanks to real hard work by Gil Streets and a cohort of people who got together and the town council to support the youth centre as a charity we have been able to keep going with volunteers.

"It is becoming really successful again which is fantastic, we have got a fantastic group of young people in Beaminster as I always try and promote them and we are really lucky.

"However we couldn't run the youth club in any way, shape or form without the young people volunteers, because they come in every week regardless, they put up with 30 to 40 young ones running around, shouting, screaming, moaning at them, they put the sport on, they run the coffee bar, they do everything really."

Certificates were presented to volunteers Amber, Maddie, Chloe and Ashleigh and Bethany and Mally, who attend the youth club.

A certificate was also awarded to a representative of the students who helped at last year's Christmas Lights festival in Beaminster.

Gil Streets, head of the trustees that manage the youth club, said: "When I spoke to you last year, I was in some doubt whether we would be able to continue the youth club once Dorset County Council stopped funding youth clubs right across the county.

"But I am very pleased to say due to financial help from the town council and from a number of companies in the town and also quite a few individuals we are in quite a reasonable financial situation and I think I can foresee the youth club being able to continue for some time.

"At the present time we are dependant on using what was the old youth club, which is now the children's centre on Prout Bridge, thanks to Dorset County Council.

"Whether we continue that in the long term, I do not know, for us it is the ideal building but whether or not we will be able to continue using that in the long term I don't know.

"We are organising a fun day on June 17th, quite like the day run by the town council last year to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

"We want to invite all the other organisations in the town who wish to come and have a stall, run an activity, raise some money for themselves and make a small contribution to the youth club.

"We have had quite a bit of interest from the schools, from organisations like the Scouts.

"We could also benefit from one or two volunteers to help us on the day, which will have a number of stall and activities, the youth club band will be playing, but throughout the day we need people to set it up, run it from 2pm to 6pm and help us clear up."

To have a stall at the fun day, to volunteer or to find out more, contact Gil Streets on 01308 862908 or email gstreets@trefoilhouse.co.uk

SOME of Beaminster's young people were presented with the Beaminster Award for Young People for the work they do at the town's youth club

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Oliver Letwin to stand again

SIR Oliver Letwin has been re-adopted by the West Dorset Conservative Association to be the Conservative Party candidate for West Dorset in the upcoming general election.

At a meeting of party members in Beaminster last week, Sir Oliver was unanimously re-elected.

Chris Loder, chairman of the West Dorset Conservative Association, said: "Sir Oliver has committed his full support to Theresa May and whilst indicating his intention to stand down at a 2020 general election, Sir Oliver is standing by his commitment to the association that, in the event of a snap election, he would stand again.

"I am very pleased that he has been re-appointed as our candidate and I am looking forward to the campaign ahead."

Sir Oliver Letwin said: "I am honoured to stand as the Conservative candidate at the forthcoming election.

"I shall do my best to help Theresa May deliver the strong, stable government which this country needs at a time of great national challenge."

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Roz's take on the 'marathon walk'

■ FOLLOWING Lottie's story in last week's *View From*, here's my part of the story. First, I'd like to repeat heartfelt thanks to all those people she named, who made the event such a success through their support, donations and above all boundless goodwill.

From the day Lottie first told me she wanted to walk the walk alongside, to when a 50-strong group greeted the 15 walkers who looked down from the heights of East Cliff at the finish, I was overwhelmed by it all.

Some walked the whole 26 miles, some only a few, but for each one it was a personal challenge and victory.

The whole weekend was a combined effort and journey for us all.

We celebrated together at the West Bay Hotel, where the wonderful buffet was a sight for sore eyes (and feet).

The members of the Living Tree, supporters, friends, relatives and above all the walkers, amazed me. I see their daily problems, concerns and anxieties.

I have my own issues with a very debilitating psychiatric disorder, but I sometimes go home and wonder at how well they cope.

Their guts, determination and sometimes sheer cussedness simply blew my mind and my heart away.

I'd like to thank also the physiotherapy department at Bridport Community Hospital for their ongoing help and advice. I really appreciated their care.

Finally, thank you so much to Lottie and her intrepid colleagues at the *View From*.

At the moment, the amount raised stands at £1,265... and counting. What's the next challenge? Watch this space.

ROZ COPSON, West Bay

Accept the referendum result

■ THERE is a proportion of people in the UK who just cannot accept the result of a democratic vote. At the last general election, the Conservative party was voted into government to lead and manage the affairs of the UK.

On June 23rd 2016, as promised in their manifesto, a referendum was held to decide whether to remain or leave the EU. The country voted to leave. The UK government is now bound by that result to take us out of the EU.

Theresa May gave a speech at Lancaster House last year, spelling out perfectly clearly the route our government intends to take in order to do so.

Instead of supporting the PM and her elected government to obtain the best possible result for the UK, there are some "remainers" who never lose an opportunity to undermine their efforts and by association, undermine the UK and its future in the world.

The government, contrary to what the "remainers" would have you believe, know exactly what they are doing. Just watch David Davis being grilled by Hilary Benn and the Brexit Select Committee on the BBC Parliament channel.

Regarding negotiations with Brussels, read Yanis Varoufakis, minister of finance during the Greek crisis, to see that there is no negotiating with the EU from a position of weakness.

In spite of the "remainers" constant chivvying we are still in a strong position (see our world ranking in science, tech, engineering, work force production, entertainment, finance services, etc).

This coming election transcends party politics; it is about the future of the UK in the world. We cannot rely on Twitteresque slogans (e.g. 'right-wing dictatorship') to decide for us.

IAN DUNN, Chideock

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Grow Your Own plant swap

■ **THE annual Grow Your Own stall will be back in Bucky Doo Square this Saturday. Pictured are organisers at last year's event with the late Jude Hopkins (centre)**

CALLING all Bridport growers, this year's Grow Your Own plant swap and giveaway will take place this Saturday (May 6th) from 9am to 12noon outside the arts centre in Bucky Doo Square.

This will be its sixth year and, although it will sadly be missing original organiser Jude Hopkins, who passed away earlier this year, the group are hoping that Bridport's growers will share their bounty and continue the encouragement to get others growing.

It will be a very social morning with lots of exchange of information and ideas, and lots of encouragement for people starting out.

People are encouraged to bring along donations of any spare seedlings, plants or small trees and to take something away for themselves.

This year, donations are welcome for the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust, a charity that works to improve services to patients and staff of the cancer unit at Dorset County Hospital and elsewhere.

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Beaminster Trust is here to help

BEAMINSTER residents in need are being urged to contact Beaminster Trust if they need financial help.

Janet Page, chairman of the Beaminster Trust trustees, spoke to residents at the annual Beaminster parish meeting last week and asked if they knew anyone who could benefit from the trust to contact the group.

She said: "We have two trusts – one is 'child welfare', which is for Beaminster young people.

"We have in the past bought books for university students, we do all sorts of things to help the youth club, the playgroup and schools and any other child who needs help we will do what we can.

"The other one is 'relief in need' and that was set up to help people have a sack of coal for the winter.

"I remember when I was a new member, a trustee, debating whether we gave a sack of coal to someone to heat their house over the winter.

"We don't do that very often now; we do occasionally pay an electricity bill for someone who is in desperate need.

"We spent very little from that this year; sometimes we do buy furniture when we come across families who don't have beds and sleep on mattresses on the floor.

"We have bought beds for people, washing machines or cookers for them and one thing you may not know is that we will pay for people to get to hospital or to GP surgeries.

"If people need to get to Dorset County Hospital and the only way is to ask Beaminster Cars to take them, we can pay that fee to get there.

"We have paid money to parents whose child is at Southampton (hospital) when they need to keep going backwards and forwards; it does cost an awful lot to do that.

"We will pay quite a lot of transport costs if you want that to happen, you only have to ask – we would like to spend our money. It is not a charity it is a trust for Beaminster people and the relief in need is not just for Beaminster but for Stoke Abbott and Netherbury. We do like to help."

To find out more contact Janet Page on 01308 862422.

MORE than 80 people joined local fitness instructor Luke Hayter for a free outdoor exercise session on April 29th.

The sessions are for the community and held on the esplanade at West Bay.

The next will take place on May 20th from 9.30am.

To find out more visit www.facebook.com/lukehayterfitness. To attend the event, click 'going' on the Facebook page.

Loders School May Fair all set for the 13th

THE Loders School May Fair will be taking place on Saturday, May 13th at the school from 1.30pm to 4pm.

There will be stalls, games, refreshments, a tombola, face painting and a grand raffle, with prizes including a £50 voucher for the Station Kitchen in West Bay, a free boiler service, family days out, family swim vouchers and many more.

The event is being organised by the Loders School PTFA.

Museum set to re-open this weekend

BRIDPORT Museum will be re-opening its doors on Saturday, May 27th at 10am to welcoming its first visitors since a major redevelopment.

The doors have been closed since September and the centrepiece of the new rope and net gallery will be a working ropewalk, which will be demonstrated regularly, as well as lots of interactive activities to entertain children.

Museum curator Emily Hicks said: "We hope everyone will be wowed by the complete transformation inside – we think it is unlike any museum you will have seen before.

"A very special guest will be cutting the ribbon at 10am on Saturday, May 27th – everyone is welcome to join us!"

Local children are also really excited to see the museum, as seven-year-old Henry said: "I can't wait to see insde because he museum has been shut for ages and it is going to be really different. I want to do the new trials and I am looking forward to seeing if there are new things to buy in the shop."

Entry to the museum will still be free and it will be open Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays.

Anyone interested in booking group visits or guided tours should contact office@bridportmuseum.co.uk or call 01308 458703.

● IN THE lead up to the grand re-opening, the team at Bridport Museum is organising the Season of Heritage Festival throughout May – a busy programme of events across the local area celebrating the town's heritage. Programmes are available from Bridport Tourist Information Centre.

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CQC finds NHS 111 service has improved in Dorset

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has found that the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has made further improvements to its NHS 111 services.

During an inspection in March, the CQC told the trust it must make improvements to protect people's safety as inspectors found that there were often not enough staff to take calls, or to give clinical advice that was needed.

A follow-up inspection in August 2016 found there had been improvement.

As a result of the latest inspection in December, the trust has been rated 'good' for providing safe, caring and responsive services but 'requires improvement' for providing effective and well led services – overall the service is rated 'requires improvement'.

During the inspection, CQC found that the trust had taken steps to make further improvements.

It had improved the systems in place to deal with safety risks and the NHS 111 service and callers were receiving a safer, more effective and responsive service, although performance on call answering and abandoned calls was still below national targets.

The number of staff has increased and call handlers said the service was now safer, with clinical advice and support readily available.

The opportunities for learning from internal and external incidents were identified and discussed to ensure improvement.

Senior staff demonstrated a much improved understanding of governance and how to effectively run a NHS 111 service.

Professor Steve Field, chief inspector of general practice, said: "I am pleased that South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has continued to build on the progress that we have identified in our previous inspection.

"People who call the NHS 111 service are entitled to quick and easy access to healthcare advice and information, or access to urgent attention when that's appropriate.

"Previously we had been concerned that the triaging system was not good enough.

"Some people whose calls were urgent were not being assessed in relation to their medical needs in a timely manner.

"On this inspection we saw some excellent examples of good practice and improvements, but we would now like to be confident that these measures are fully embedded.

"The trust themselves have recognised that their performance needs to improve further to achieve the expected standards of the NHS 111 service.

"We found that there were still some calls which were not dealt with promptly or effectively.

"The trust must continue to work on this – and monitor the performance of its call handlers to help them get this right."

The CQC report that the trust has responded effectively to complaints and to patient and staff feedback, although, at the time of the inspection there was still a large number still being investigated.

Ken Wenman, chief executive of the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We welcome this report from the CQC and in particular its acknowledgement of the significant improvements it found following a number of inspections last year.

"Three of the five ratings made by the CQC are now 'good' and the report features many endorsements of the achievements of our NHS 111 team.

"But we have not been complacent and since the inspection in December, things have continued to improve, showing our processes and practices are embedded to provide a quality service to patients.

"For example, there has been a dramatic improvement in performance with both Dorset and Cornwall now achieving well over 90 per cent of calls answered within 60 seconds, finishing last week above 95 per cent.

"Staff numbers have increased with improvements to job satisfaction, again recognised by the CQC."

THE Anchor Inn in Seatown has been named the best pub in England.

The team at the popular coastal pub picked up the accolade at the Visit England Awards, where they were named Tourism Pub of the Year national winner.

Paul Wiscombe, landlord of the Anchor Inn, said: "The realisation of winning Visit England's Best Tourism Pub hasn't even begun to sink in properly for me or the team.

"I am extremely proud as to how far we have come in such a short space of time and honoured to have received so many accolades within the last six months.

"This latest award is highest achievement that we have received to date and a testament to how hard the Anchor Army have pushed themselves to deliver a first class experience.

"This has given us the drive to improve and do even better in the upcoming Summer season and continue fly the flag for our little corner of West Dorset."

● THE pub was also recently named Dorset's Best Pub in the National Pub and Bar Awards 2017.

In total, 94 venues from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have been selected as the best in their county and will be in the running to be named the best in their region at the grand final in London, where the overall National Pub and Bar of the Year will also be announced.

■ The Anchor Inn has been named Tourism Pub of the Year with landlord Paul Wiscombe (centre left) and bartender David Smith pictured at the awards, with host TV's Sue Perkins (left)

▼ PAUL Wiscombe is also in the running for the British Institute of |nnkeeping (BII) Licensee of the Year awards.

Along with Sam Good of the West Bay Hotel, Paul has made it to the last 16 in the BII awards after a nomination and judging process in a competition that covers everything from cleanliness through to financial sustainability.

Beaminster council surgeries

THE next Beaminster Town Council surgery session will be held at the Yarn Barton Centre in Fleet Street on Saturday, May 6th from 10am to 11am.

Cllr Terry Beswarick will be available to deal with any concerns and issues that local residents may wish to raise.

The surgery sessions have proved very popular over the past couple of years and present an ideal opportunity for people from the town to discuss matters with and obtain information from members of their town council.

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Record Store Day attracts hundreds to music shop

Lottie Welch
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THE 10th annual Record Store Day was a success for Bridport Music as hundreds of vinyl and music fans flocked to the store for exclusive releases and local live performances.

The event, which took place on Saturday, April 22nd, is the one day of the year when more than 200 independent record shops all across the UK come together to celebrate their unique culture.

Customers were treated to tea and cake all day and a special toast with West Milton Cider to mark the event.

Steph Garner, owner of Bridport Music, said: "Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported us on Record Store Day – customers, performers, helpers, cake makers and West Milton Cider Co.

"Thank you so much Silver Chix, Them Voices Poor, The Gravity Drive, Peter James Millson, Jack Harrison Music, Sam Downing, Abi Rich and Mitch Norman. We had a great time!"

To find out more about Record Store Day, visit www.recordstoreday.com

■ **ABOVE:** The Silver Chix (both left) were one of many local bands who performed throughout the day. Pictured with Steph and Piers Garner, owners of Bridport Music *Photo by TIM RUSS*

■ **RIGHT:** The team at Bridport Music celebrated a successful 10th Record Store Day *Photo courtesy of BRIDPORT MUSIC*

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Hospital League of Friends AGM

MEMBERS of the Bridport Community Hospital League of Friends are holding their AGM on Monday, May 8th at 6pm.

It will take place in the Health Education room at Bridport Community Hospital and everyone is welcome to attend to hear more about the work of the Friends.

Living Tree exhibition

MEMBERS of the Living Tree cancer support group are holding an art and craft exhibition on Saturday, May 13th and Sunday, May 14th.

'Celebrating our Heritage' will take place at the Salt House in West Bay between 10am and 5pm on both days.

Entry is free and there will be refreshments available.

Beaminster cake maker wins gold medal for Popeye

BEAMINSTER-based cake maker Heather Upham, of Fancy That Cake Co, has won a gold medal for a Popeye-inspired cake at a Cake International competition.

Fancy That Cake Co was set up around nine years ago and Heather made a cake for her boss' birthday in the shape of a horse's head.

It was so successful that she was soon gaining orders for more cakes.

In 2012, the firm went into administration and Heather decided to take her cake experience and make it into a full-time career.

Heather said: "I joined the British Sugarcraft Guild in Bridport and they introduced me to Cake International.

"After visiting the show I decided to enter a piece and was pleased for my first efforts to win a silver medal. That spurred me on to make more cakes and so I have entered the Cake International competitions ever since.

"To date I have managed to win two gold, 10 silver and 10 bronze medals during that time."

The competition is an international cake show which has been going for more than 20 years.

It holds three shows a year; two at the NEC in Birmingham and one at the Alexandra Palace in London.

Popeye was based on a 3D-printed sculpture by the renowned make-up artist Rick Baker, whose work included the *American Werewolf In London* film and Michael Jackson's *Thriller* video.

Heather added: "I am chuffed to win another gold medal and to be recognised for the hard work put into these cakes.

"Hopefully I shall enter something into the competition again in November, so watch this space."

Popeye can be seen at Fancy That Cake co shop on Fleet Street in Beaminster.

HEATHER Upham of Fancy That Cake co has won a gold medal at a Cake international competition for her 3D Popeye cake

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Café plan for Westpoint

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MEMBERS of Bridport Town Council's planning committee have shown their support for a new café in West Bay.

A planning application to change a one bedroom holiday apartment – part of Westpoint Apartments, ***pictured,*** on the Esplanade – into a small café/bistro was recommended for approval at a meeting of the planning committee last week. Proposals were submitted by Tracey Jovanovic, the owner of Westpoint Apartments, to West Dorset District Council and she also spoke to councillors at their meeting last Monday.

She said: "My family and I moved in 18 months ago and there was never any question that we had even thought about opening a café.

"It's something that having lived and worked in West Bay for the last 18 months, that has been brought up by our family, friends and guests.

"When people come and stay with us they struggle to find somewhere to eat in a café at low prices because West Bay is so busy that people can't get a table.

"For those that are still hungry, the kiosks are fantastic but some people are on very specific diets or don't want fish and chips all the time."

Mrs Jovanovic explained that many guests check in at 2pm and there is nowhere to get a meal from after that time, apart from the kiosks, and that they would focus on serving a small healthy menu.

She added: "We would like to use local producers and the food of the South West with a particular focus on coffee, as lots of our friends and family complain that it is difficult to get a really decent coffee. We would like to bridge that afternoon gap where people can't necessarily get somewhere to sit."

The café is envisaged to provide around 30 covers and opening hours would be between 10am and 10pm, seven days a week.

Supplies to the proposed cafe would be collected via the applicant's own car, and if there were delivery vehicles bringing additional supplies, this would be arranged to avoid peak times.

In the applicant's design and access statement, Paul Dance, a chartered town planner, said: "The extract ventilation system fitted to deal with cooking smells, fumes and steam produced by cooking will be designed to prevent or minimise any nuisance caused to neighbours.

"Noise control will include the fan and motor sited within the building's structure to minimise noise."

Police Report

DORSET Police are appealing for witness or anyone with information on the following crimes to contact them on 101, quoting the relevant crime number.

■ Sometime between 3pm and 5.30pm on Tuesday, April 11th, a blue Toyota Yaris parked at Eggardon Hill Fort was broken into.

A TomTom sat nav, a Hewlett Packard laptop and two backpacks were stolen. Crime number 55170054143.

■ At around 4pm on Tuesday, April 18th, a blue Ford Mondeo parked in Happy Island Way had a tyre slashed, then between 10pm on Tuesday, April 18th and 10am on Wednesday, April 19th, another two tyres were slashed on the same vehicle. Crime number 55170056839.

■ Sometime between 1.15pm and 1.45pm on Friday, April 21st, an iPhone 6 and an iPhone SE were stolen from the Carphone Warehouse, Bridport.

Two suspect males were in the shop at the time of the incident and one of the males was believed to be distracting store staff while the other stole the phones.

The male who distracted store staff was described as white, around 5ft 9in tall, with short dark hair, of stocky build and wearing a blue top and jeans. Crime number 55170058083.

■ Police are also appealing for witnesses who may have seen a blue Lexus IS 200 Sport driving erratically and racing a red VW Golf at the car park next to West Bay beach at around 7.20pm on Saturday, April 15th. Crime number 55170055145.

Anyone with information can also contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Charter Fair choir

POPULAR choir the Local Vocals have confirmed their appearance at the upcoming Charter Fair.

Choir leader Lesley Whatley said: "We will be singing old and new favourites such as 'Moon River' and 'Hallelujah' plus some traditional songs, so there will be plenty for all to enjoy".

See the Local Vocals at Bucky Doo Square, 11.45 am on Saturday, May 13th.

For more information please contact:

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Bridport Leisure Centre

THE Learn to Swim Programme at Bridport Leisure Centre is being relaunched with changes and improvements taking elect later this month.

The team at the leisure centre have been working closely with Swim England, the national governing body for swimming, previously the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA), to develop and improve the aquatics programme.

From May 15th, all lessons will follow the Swim England Learn to Swim Programme, which is a nationally recognised awards scheme for learning to swim and used in 85 per cent of the UK's swim schools. As part of this process, they have decided to change the name to 'Bridport Swim School'

Throughout the scheme, our fully qualified Swim England trained teachers will encourage the youngest swimmers to learn through a variety of games and fun water-based activities designed to develop their confidence and core movement skills. The preschool Ducklings sessions are packed with games and songs which even the youngest baby will enjoy from their first splash.

Virginia Stewart, Bridport Swim School Manager, said: "The new scheme is designed to reward children as they develop the essential skills they need to be confident, competent and safe in the water.

"Now the swimmers will learn over shorter distances giving them the opportunity to swim more and practice their core skills and techniques before they start to swim longer distances.

"The teachers will work with stronger swimmers to develop their stroke, kick and breathing to ensure they are really strong and ready to progress to the higher levels 8, 9 and 10 which include Water Polo, Rookie lifeguard and Competitive swimming.

"The new Swim England Learn to Swim Framework scheme is at the cutting edge of swimming ensuring that the Bridport Swim School teaching methods and safeguarding is the very best available.

The benefits don't stop with the children, Bridport Leisure Centre has invested in a new computer system that will give parents the opportunity to log in, securely, in the comfort of their own homes and see how their children are progressing and what they are learning.

"The aim of the Bridport Swim School is that swimming becomes an integral part of a healthy lifestyle keeping them fit but also giving them something that they can have fun doing on holiday or in the sea in safety, for the rest of their life.''

To find out more contact Bridport Leisure Centre on 01308 427464.

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BUSINESS IN BRIDPORT

A FEATURE DEDICATED TO SERVICES AND BUSINESSES IN BRIDPORT

Stroll Along Paw Paws

All For The Love Of Beau

AN EXCITING new service that could benefit your four-legged friends has just launched in West Dorset.

Anne Rathbone, who is based in West Bay, is a lovely, friendly person, who was inspired to create her business through her love of animals. Stroll Along Paw Paws grew from an idea and blossomed into a business, serving the entire Jurassic Coast area, thanks to a very special dog called Beau.

Anne has a lifelong love of dogs and when she worked at The George Hotel in West Bay she met Beau for the first time. Beau was the landlord and landlady's dog who took a strong liking to Anne, telling her when he wanted a walk and he loved having a doggy massage. Sadly Beau passed away leaving Anne with an empty hole, which she knew she needed to fill. Anne is now the proud owner of Dexter, a nine month old Boxer rescue dog and Beau, a 19 month old Pug/American Bulldog. Through spending time with her dogs, Anne has learned that she can communicate not just with her dogs but also with nature. This encouraged Anne to study dog psychology in the modern world at Kingston Maurward College and has completed her training with NARPS in dog first aid.

Stroll Along Paw Paws has a lot of services

to offer pet owners, one of which is the dog-walking service. Dog owners have the choice of coastal, field or road walks that your canine companion can enjoy. Other services available include house sitting, 'puppy pop in', pet sitting, pet taxi and doggy massage. Anne is more than happy to look after your animals in your home while you are away and will treat them the same as you do! If you are happy for them to sleep in your bed she will let them do that, or if you are the complete opposite and have strict rules, she will make sure they adhere to them as well!

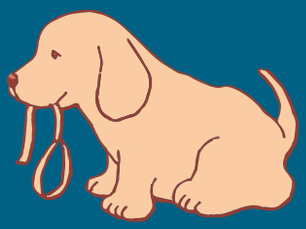
If you're too busy to walk your dog, need someone to take them to the vets, or want someone to pop in when you're away then don't hesitate to give Stroll Along Paw Paws a call.

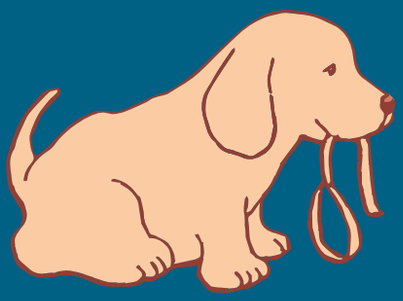
Anne Rathbone

Stroll Along Paw Paws

Bridport and surrounding areas

Transported in fully equipped dog van with internal fans.





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Clocktower Music

DESCRIBED by many as one of the most fun vinyl record shops in the South West, Clocktower Music is a real gem in Bridport's Art & Vintage quarter. Based in the vibrant St Michael's Trading Estate, the shop offers a wide selection of pre-owned Vinyl records and CD music, with sofa areas to listen to music before you buy. Add the working jukebox and top quality Adams Family pinball machine and it really is one of the coolest places in town.

Clocktower Music buy, sell and repair classic hi-fi along with a restore and rebuild of original vintage valve/transistor radios from the 1950's-70's. They can even bring the radios into the 21st century by adapting them to use Bluetooth technology so they can play music through iTunes, Spotify or internet radio using original valves, amplifiers and speakers, the sound quality is something you have to hear to believe, it's fantastic! The shop is open Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4:30pm and the last Sunday of the month 11am-3pm.

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Symondsbury Estate

SYMONDSBURY Estate are proud to announce two new additions to Manor Yard, Symondsbury. On Saturday 27th May between 10am and 4pm we invite everybody to join us in opening the doors of both our new Home & Garden Store and Production Kitchen.

The Home & Garden Store will be full of unique and interesting items to spruce up your home and garden. It is located in the Dutch Barn which has been renovated and transformed into a very stylish retail space. In the production kitchen you will be able to see Elaine creating all of the Symondsbury Produce, including jams, chutneys, rosemary spiced nuts, oatcakes and many more delicious home made food items.

Wine & Cheese will be available for all on the day along with tastings and samples of Symondsbury Produce.

We look forward to seeing everybody there.

Instant ReDress

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■ MEMBERS of the Bridport Youth and Community Centre worked in partnership with the From Page To Screen festival this year and hosted a fringe event and made their own films. Nick Marston, curator of from Page to Screen, presented the young filmmakers with BRIDA awards (pictured)

Youth project part of From Page to Screen film festival

Lottie Welch
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MEMBERS of Bridport Youth and Community Centre were delighted to be offered the opportunity to host a From Page to Screen project during this year's festival.

The youth centre and film festival worked in partnership by offering video workshops to young people and film screenings in the youth centre's café, where the young people's videos were also screened.

The workshops were led by From Page to Screen members Ines Cavill and Hester Schofield with editing at the youth centre and shooting the films around the town and at the beach.

The festival showed even more support for the youth centre as Nick Marston, this year's curator of the From Page to Screen festival, agreed to draw this month's winner of their 100 Club before the screening of *Lion*.

Mr Marston spoke movingly of how creative an experience film-making is for young people, commended the film making and later presented their own spin on the BAFTA awards, the BRIDA awards, to the young film makers.

On Saturday, April 22nd, more than 20 young people clustered together to watch the fringe showing of *Grease*, with popcorn and soft drinks on offer at the youth centre.

Kelvin Clayton, trustee at the youth centre, said: "We like to be in partnership with local organisations; it enriches the opportunities for the young people and enables us to be even more connected to the life of the town.

"It was good of the Electric Palace to let us draw this month's winner there.

"The 100 Club is an important part of our fundraising and enables us to offer even more to the young people of the town."

To become a member of the 100 Club contact Kelvin Clayton at bridportycc@hotmail.com

Members pay £5 a month and one member will win £100 at the monthly draws.

Mencap coffee morning

MEMBERS of West Dorset Mencap are holding a fundraising coffee morning on Saturday, May 13th between 10am and 12noon at the United Church Hall on East Street, Bridport.

There will be cakes, a raffle, a tombola, and members of the Bothenhampton Knit and Natter will have a stall.

The West Dorset Mencap AGM will be held on Tuesday, may 16th at 7pm in the Conservative Club on North Street.

The speakers for the evening will include Ania Ford, service director at Tricuro – which provides social care to adults across Dorset – who will provide an update on their services in West Dorset.

Paula Bennetts, community action manager at Dorset Community Action, will also tell the audience more about their organisation.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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London Marathon run for Dorset charities

RUNNERS from Dorset charities were amongst those who competed in the London Marathon at the weekend.

Still smiling even after 26.2 miles, four hours 32 minutes and a foot injury was Weldmar Hospicecare Trust's head of fundraising, Matt Smith.

"Words can't describe how proud I am of this man," said his wife, Charlotte.

Matt's run was part of his ten challenges to mark 10 years with the trust.

So far he has swum with sharks and abseiled down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth.

Amongst his challenges still to come are jumping out of a plane at 15,000ft in three weeks' time.

Matt is hoping to raise £10,000 for the charity – which covers the whole of Dorset – and donations can be made online via www.justgiving.com/colossal10

Other runners in the Weldmar team included Dan Cree from Weymouth, Sharron Hutchings from Ilminster, Nikki Harriss from Yeovil, Sue Bishop from Broadmayne and husband-and-wife team Rachael and Nigel Roberts from Dorchester.

Caroline Hamblett, Weldmar's Chief Executive, said "We are incredibly proud of our 2017 London Marathon team.

"They dedicated an enormous amount of time for training."

Added Matt: "I am extremely grateful to all our 2017 runners... who should all be proud of the hard work and dedication they have put into training for such an iconic challenge.

"All the money that Weldmar receives from the London Marathon will go towards funding the continuation of the outstanding care that we provide to patients and their loved ones across Dorset.

"Income from challenges such as the London Marathon is vital so we can be there for members of the community when and where there need our support in the future."

Other local charity runners included those from 'Team George' who are raising money for Meningitis Now. Their fundraising team name comes from nine-year-old George Patterson who had pneumococcal meningitis as a baby and has spent much of his young life in and out of hospital.

Over four years £55,000 has been raised, including £13,000 since this last Christmas.

■ **LEFT: Weldmar's head of fundraising Matt Smith at the end of his London Marathon run**

■ **THE Weldmar team, pictured in advance of the weekend run**

Beaminster to host events for Dementia Friendly Week

A NUMBER of events are taking place in Beaminster this month to mark Dementia Friendly Week from May 14th to May 20th.

Beaminster-based community choir Raucous Chorus will be holding a concert and sing-a-long at Beaminster School on Wednesday, May 10th from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Sing-a-long sheets and refreshments will be provided.

The event will be free to those living with dementia and their carers but there will be the opportunity for people to make a contribution with all proceeds going to Dementia Awareness.

On Friday, May 19th, local groups Mood Indigo and Raggy Annie will be hosting an afternoon of musical entertainment from 1pm to 3pm at Mountjoy School.

Hospitality and refreshments will be provided by the pupils of Mountjoy School.

For more information or to attend, call Carol Madigan on 01308 861155.

Later that day, Moviola will be holding a film evening at Beaminster Public Hall from 5.30pm, showing *The King and I*, which will start at 6pm.

The event welcomes people living with dementia and their carers, however, the event is free to all residents in the Beaminster area.

Sarah Chambers, community and events fundraising executive of Dementia UK will be opening the event.

Tickets are available at Yarn Barton on Fleet Street or by calling Elaine on 01308 861746.

The Big Lottery Fund has also funded the Greenwood Club, a project run by the Dorset AONB team alongside partners including the Alzheimer's Society, Dorset Forest School and Dorset County Council's Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP).

It offers a range of outdoor activities for people with dementia and their carers at woodland at Netherbury, enabling them to be creative and socialise.

For more information contact Jill at Dorset Forest School on 07813 814875 or email jill@dorsetforestschool.org

Bank Holiday NHS care

LOCAL clinicians are appealing for people to help the NHS by using the most appropriate care over the Spring Bank Holiday on Monday, May 29th.

There are a number of ways to get help across the county – each providing a particular service:

- 111 – Call 111 if you are not sure who to ask or you just need advice. NHS 111 is available free 24 hours a day, 365 days a year;
- Pharmacy – Headaches, coughs and colds, upset stomach;
- GP routine care – Chronic backache, persistent pain, painful cough, earache;
- For injuries such as sprains or strains that aren't serious, visit your local Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) or the Weymouth Community Urgent Care Centre;
- Emergency departments – Only to be used in life threatening situations (i.e. heavy bleeding, broken bones, chest pain, suspected stroke, severe burns).

The NHS 111 service is staffed by a team of fully trained advisers, supported by experienced nurses and paramedics.

They will ask questions to assess your symptoms, then give you the healthcare advice you need or direct you straightaway to the local service that can help you best.

That could be A&E, an out-of-hours doctor, an urgent care centre or a walk-in centre, a community nurse, an emergency dentist or a late-opening chemist.

During the public holidays it is important to know where your local GP practice and pharmacy are and when they are open. Full details can be found online at www.nhs.uk

If you have regular prescription medicines, make sure you don't run out. It can take up to 48 hours to process and fulfil repeat requests at your GP practice, and your pharmacist will need time to dispense and, if necessary, order stock.

If you're planning a trip, ensure you don't run out of your prescribed medicines while you're away.

Let your GP practice and pharmacist know in plenty of time before your departure, as they may be able to arrange for your prescription to be processed earlier than usual.

If you have difficulty ordering your medicines, discuss with your pharmacist or GP practice to see how they can help you.

If you do run out please speak to your usual GP practice at the earliest opportunity.

Do not call 111 or attend your local Emergency Department as they are unable to prescribe medicines.

Healthcare advice, along with opening times for local pharmacies and links to local services, can be found online at www.staywelldorset.nhs.uk

Recycle your inks to help older locals

RECYCLING ink cartridges at Age UK Dorchester (left to right): Valerie Wheeler, Sylvia King, Norman Scott and Anne Scott

AGE UK Dorchester is collecting and recycling printer cartridges to help pay for providing services for local older people.

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The charity is appealing for businesses and individuals to donate any used ink cartridges by bringing them along to the reception at the charity's centre in Prince of Wales Road.

Lucy Christian, Head of Resources and Home Support for the charity said: "So far we have raised over £1,000 by collecting and recycling ink cartridges, this year we hope to raise even more money, and with the public's help, we should achieve this and help even older people.

"We take any make of ink cartridge, but not toner cartridges or cassettes as we are unable to recycle these.

"So please bring them along, we would be very grateful to receive them and we are also doing our little bit for the environment too."

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Ringwood man shot dead by intruders is named

■ MURDER victim Guy Hedger

A MAN who was shot dead by intruders in the village of St Ives, near Ringwood, during the early hours of Sunday morning has been named by detectives.

At 3.03am on April 30th, police received reports that at least two intruders had entered a house.

One of the occupants – named by detectives as 61-year-old Guy Hedger – was shot.

Officers attended the address and Guy was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

A second occupant in the address at the time has been deeply affected by the incident and is being supported by specially trained officers.

A murder investigation has now been launched by detectives from Dorset Police's Major Crime Investigation Team (MCIT).

Mr Hedger's next of kin are aware and are being supported by specially trained officers. The family has requested privacy at this deeply traumatic time.

The address in Castlewood, St Ives has been cordoned off while crime scene investigators carry out their examinations.

Detective Chief Inspector Sarah Derbyshire, of MCIT, said: "At this stage we are still trying to establish exactly what happened at the address in Castlewood and how and why the victim was shot dead.

"Currently we do not believe the offenders were known to the victim, however we continue to investigate all lines of enquiry.

"I am appealing for anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious in the area or was in the area at that time, to contact Dorset Police as soon as possible

"There will be a heavy police presence in the vicinity and officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team will be carrying out high visibility patrols to offer reassurance to the community and can be contacted with any concerns."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, by emailing 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or calling 101, quoting incident number 30:53. Alternatively call CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

News from around Dorset

Public meeting on leaving the EU well attended

MORE than 150 people crammed into Dorchester Town Hall for a public meeting to explore what leaving the EU will mean for West Dorset.

Speakers included MP Sir Oliver Letwin and regional MEP Clare Moody.

Sally Cooke of West Dorset for Europe said: "We wanted to ask local politicians to describe what they thought the future would hold for our citizens.

"We also aimed to give a voice for our young people, those whose futures will be affected the most.

"What became clear was the sheer complexity of the issues that will need to be covered."

Sir Oliver explained some of the complexities in maintaining Britain's finance sector and Clare Moody discussed her concerns around the extra paperwork and bureaucracy that will be created for businesses which trade with the EU.

Local student and youth council chairman, Jake Perkins, highlighted the adverse impact on household incomes for people who are 'Just About Managing'.

Sally Cooke also said: "During the meeting it became increasingly clear that the public are very concerned over where Brexit is leading us.

"West Dorset for Europe had intended to hold just this one meeting to help inform and engage the public on the negotiations.

"However, given the broad range of questions, many of which could not be covered in the time, and the complexities we are beginning to see, we are rethinking.

"As a non-party political group, West Dorset for Europe will continue to explore ways we may be able to help identify and clarify the issues facing West Dorset, and how we can encourage our MPs to respond."

■ PICTURED (from left to right): Jake Perkins (Dorset Youth Council), Sir Oliver Letwin MP, Bob Dewar (chairman for the evening) and Clare Moody MEP

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10 Popular Home Decor Trends For 2017

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HOME is where the heart is! So, if you're looking to be a new you in the new year, your house may be a good place to start...

1. Matte Black: We saw this trend grow in the beauty world, and it has finally made its way into our homes. Matte black makes a sophisticated statement in the kitchen, and we expect to see a lot more of this bold look on cabinets and appliances everywhere.

2. Intergalactic Spaces: This is a step up from those sticky glow-in-the-dark stars you had in your childhood bedroom. Galaxy-themed accessories are flooding the decor aisles, and we are definitely hyped about it.

3. Copper Accents: Step aside, rose gold. The new metal trend is warm copper. Play it safe by putting your copper pots and pans on display in the kitchen, or go bold with a large copper light fixture in the living room.

4. Bohemian Style: We used to think kilim rugs and other fabrics were strictly for Bohemian spaces. But we are happy to find out these wild prints can be incorporated anywhere! If you really want to make a statement, hang a kilim rug on the wall that'll be a pop of color enough for the whole space.

5. Patterned Tile: The new wallpaper is... tile? Indeed, it is! You better get used to this look, because bold, beautiful patterned tiles will be everywhere the coming year.

6. Va Va Voom Velvet: If you're looking to add some warmth to your living room, consider a smooth, velvety couch. This statement piece will have you looking luxurious and cozy all at the same time. Fun pops of color are especially popular in this fabric.

7. Jewel Tones: Instantly bring your walls to life with a fresh coat of deep, rich jewel tones. Dark blues, purples, greens, and gold make the rising pallet this year. If you're not looking to do a total paint job, scatter your home with a few jewel-toned accessories.

8. Faux-Stone Surfaces: Stone walls, granite, and marble will all be making appearances in homes this coming year.

9. Nature-Inspired: Hold onto your succulents, because 2017 is going to see a lot more greenery indoors. Start with small desk plants and work your way up to large houseplants that command attention in a room. Just be sure to do your research on watering and sunlight before committing to a plant!

10. Smart Homes: Get ready to live like it's the year 3000. Smart homes come decked out with all the coolest gadgets including voice-activated bots, hands-free faucets, and more. However, we are most excited about high-tech showers with programmed spray sequences for your relaxing pleasure.

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1. COLOR-COORDINATE: Use children's books as decor by color-coordinating them and placing them in forward-facing bookshelves.

2. REPURPOSE BOOKSHELVES: Jen of I Heart Organizing created smart seating and storage in her kids' playroom. She turned two Expedit bookcases from IKEA on their sides and added a foam cushion and an eye-catching fabric. Green baskets placed inside each shelf help sort and hold toys.

3. WRITE IT OUT: Help your child get dressed in the morning by labeling drawers or baskets, like in this closet found on Project Nursery. Since everything has its own specific spot, you'll never run late because you couldn't find the striped socks your daughter needed to wear.

4. LOOK UNDER THE BED: Everyone knows under the bed is a great storage spot, but often the space becomes a disorganized mess full of storage bins and dust bunnies. Designer and blogger Jenna Burger made her own underbed storage carts with wheels to solve this dilemma. Now, items are organized and easily accessible.

5. DISPLAY DRESS-UP CLOTHES: Instead of stowing away dress-up costumes in plastic storage bins or trunks, put them on display. Jenny of Little Green Notebook created a DIY garment rack for her daughter to make playtime a little more special..

6. ADD A PEGBOARD: Pegboards aren't just for hardware or craft storage. Hang one up in your child's room and use caddies to store diapers, toiletries, or socks and other accessories.

7. CREATE YOUR OWN PLAY TABLE: If you're replacing your old coffee table with a newer one, don't throw the old table away: Transform it into a play table for your kids. Kate of Centsational Girl took a budget-friendly IKEA coffee table and turned it into an organized spot for her son's Legos.

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SHAPPI is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of her arrival in Britain. She's reclaiming patriotism, sending a love letter to her adopted land. Please don't come if you're a skinhead (though naturally bald folk are welcome).

Star of Live At The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, Have I Got News for You and Q.I, she is back with a brand new show for 2017.

She has whip-crack jokes and is effortlessly funny as she handles every subject with a razor sharp wit, softened only by her deliciously mischievous delivery and endless charm.

Shappi Khorsandi is also the best selling author of 'A Beginners Guide to Acting English' and her debut novel 'Nina is not OK' is published by Ebury in July 2016. Shappi was also recently elected president of the British Humanist society.

Shappi Khorsandi comes to Dorchester Arts TOMORROW (Thursday, May 4th) at 8pm. Tickets are £15, and £13 for members and concessions, available online at www.dorchester-arts.org.uk or by calling 01305 226926.

■ Shappi Khorsandi

Thoroughly Modern Millie on stage this week

...AND so we reach the final part of our story about the plucky small-town girl Millie Dillmount (Jodie Glover) who arrives in New York with a simple plan; to find a job as a stenog for an eligible bachelor and then marry him. So far, she has encountered a few unexpected obstacles which have sent her 'plan' off course – not least of which, being the overwhelming feelings she has developed for Jimmy Smith (Cameron Love) a happy go lucky paper clip salesman, who doesn't have a penny to his name.

After her heart to heart with the flamboyant Muzzy Van Hossmere (Sarah Causley) Millie reconsiders her feelings and finally accepts her feeling for Jimmy are real and sets off to confess this to him, however, on the way, they meet a tearful, inebriated Mr Graydon (Ben Malone) who has been 'stood up' by Miss Dorothy (Alex Best). Mr Graydon tells Millie and Jimmy that Mrs Meers (Tracey Wakeling) the creepy owner of the Hotel Priscilla where the young ladies are residing, told him that Miss Dorothy 'checked out'...suddenly.

When Millie recalls that several other young ladies, all orphans, also suddenly 'checked out', Millie, Jimmy, and Mr. Graydon suddenly realize what Mrs. Meers is up to. They come up with a plan where Muzzy poses as a new orphan in town, to trick Mrs. Meers. Mrs. Meers takes the bait, is exposed to all as the mastermind of a slavery ring, and carted off to the police station.

Thankfully Miss Dorothy is saved by Chinese laundry worker Ching Ho (Ian Styles) after she steals his heart and he can not bring himself to carry out Mrs Meers' orders to drug her.

Jimmy proposes to Millie, and, poor as he is, she accepts, because she realises that, if it's marriage she's got in mind, 'love has everything to do with it'.

But, it seems Millies dream or marrying her boss is about to come true after all as in a final twist to our tale, Jimmy reveals he is actually Herbert J. van Hossmere III, Muzzy's stepson, and one of the most eligible bachelors in the world. Added to that Miss Dorothy is actually his sister, a wealthy heiress. Muzzy reveals that, in an attempt to help Jimmy and Dorothy learn valuable life lessons, she sent them out into the world with $25 each in the hope that they would both return with truly sweet partners. A final happy pairing occurs when Bun Foo (Kelly Apps) joins Graydon's company as a new stenographer. The only thing we are left wondering is will Bun Foo and Ching Ho ever be reunited with their mother?..well, you'll have to get a ticket and come and find out!

Winner of the 2002 Tony Award for Best Musical, this is a bright, funny, and charming musical comedy that is guaranteed to get your toes tapping and is simply oozing with feel good factor.

The cast enter rehearsal week this week, with just one week before curtain up; A huge amount of time, effort and energy has been put into ensuring a really polished production of this fabulous show which features numerous familiar local faces, along with some really talented new comers.

All we need now is you! The audience. So why not treat yourself to a night out at your local theatre, bring your friends and family - we can't wait to entertain you!

Thoroughly Modern Millie will be performed by The Lyme Regis Musical Theatre at the Marine Theatre from Tuesday, May 9th – Saturday, May 13th, nightly at 7.30pm.

Tickets from Serendip, Broad Street, Lyme Regis. Tel: 01297 442594, Tickets are £12 Tuesday, and £15 Wednesday to Saturday.

■ Bun Foo (Kelly Apps), Mrs Meers (Tracey Wakeling) and Ching Ho (Ian Styles).

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'Tommy Cooper on acid' to headline Comedy Club

ANARCHIC comedy tour de force Wes Zahurak will headline the Pilot Boat Inn Comedy Club in Lyme Regis next week.

The hugely popular comedy club, which has so far featured TV stars such as Angela Barnes and Paul Tonkinson, returns in May and audiences are advised to book early with tickets likely to sell out quickly.

This month's headline act will be the brilliantly funny Wes Zahurak, an act who has to be been to be believed. Likened to 'Tommy Cooper on acid', Canadian Wes Zahurak puts on a completely unique show of physical comedy which makes him one of the most exciting acts on the UK and international circuit.

Having begun his comedy life in North America, becoming an audience favourite on the immensely popular TV show ABC's 'America's Funniest People' thanks to his eccentric array of eye-popping prop tricks, Zahurak is now an award-winning comedian with a world-wide reputation for his fast-paced surreal humour.

Opening the show will be another TV regular, and Frank Skinner's support act, Gareth Richards. Known for his quirky blend of stand-up, one-liners and low-key comedy songs Gareth Richards is one of the best loved acts on the comedy circuit and a former Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer nominee.

As well as supporting Frank Skinner on tour, Richards also co-hosted a Sony award-winning Absolute Radio show for two years alongside him. As well as appearing in his own right on shows such as Russell Howard's Good News and Live at the Electric.

Completing the line up will be local acts Graham Whistler and Adam Money, both Edinburgh fringe festival regulars with a growing reputation on the UK circuit.

Resident compere Tom Glover will once again be at the helm for the night, chatting with the club's regular crowd and getting to know all the newcomers.

The next Pilot Boat Comedy night will be on Saturday, May 13th at 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £10 and are available from the bar on 01297 443157.

■ Gareth Richards

■ Wes Zahurak

Weddings 2017

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An 8 page guide to planning your perfect day in East Devon, West Dorset and South Somerset

The Square & Compass

A very relaxed, elegant wedding with very, very good food...

THERE has been an inn at Windmill Hill for around 200 years and it is part of the fabric of the area. The Square and Compass is now a well-known hotel, renowned for excellent food. Owners, Chris and Janet Slow have been resident for 20 years and in this time they have built up a reputation for very good food and drink. Run in a relaxed, informal manner, you can enjoy a drink, some food, or celebrate a special occasion in the Barn, a separate venue behind the Square and Compass.

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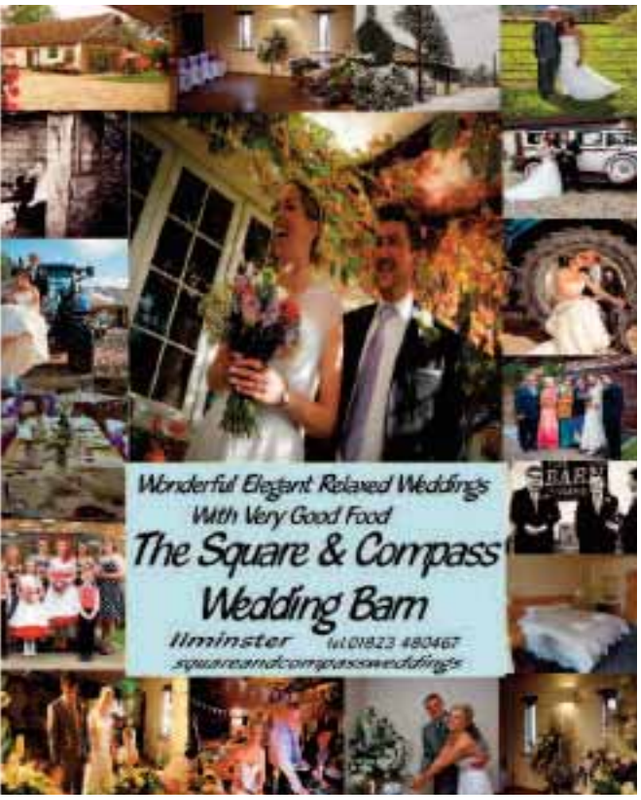

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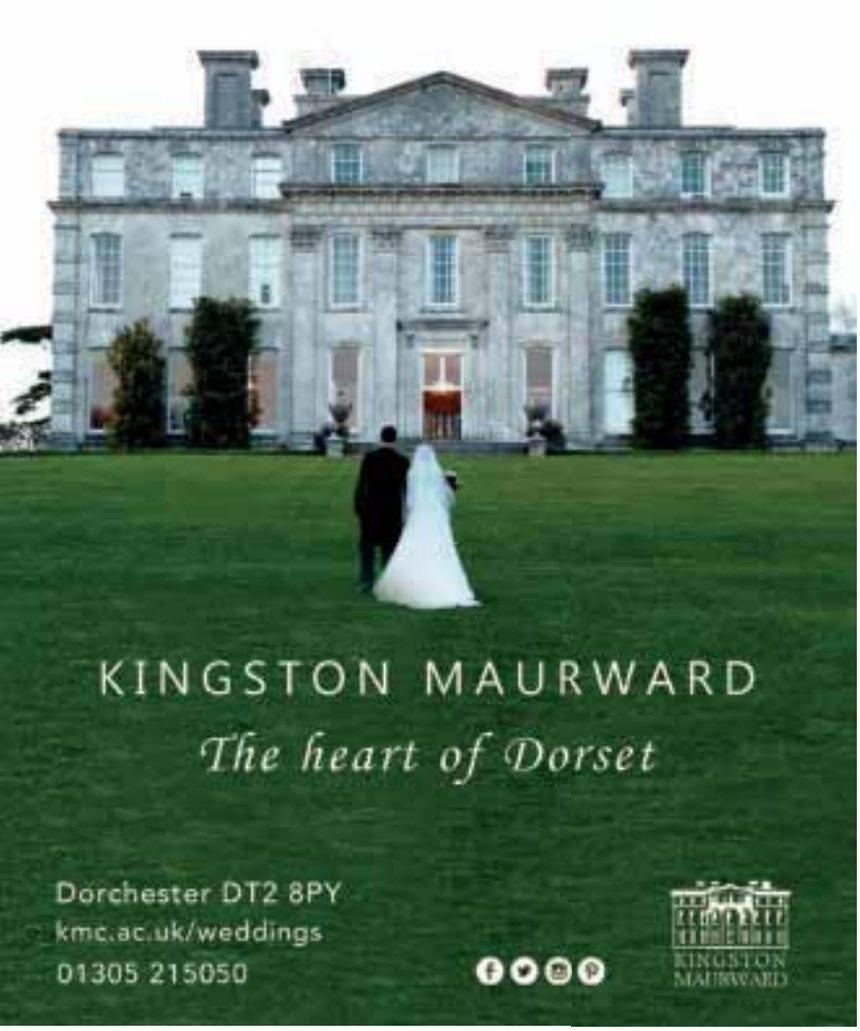

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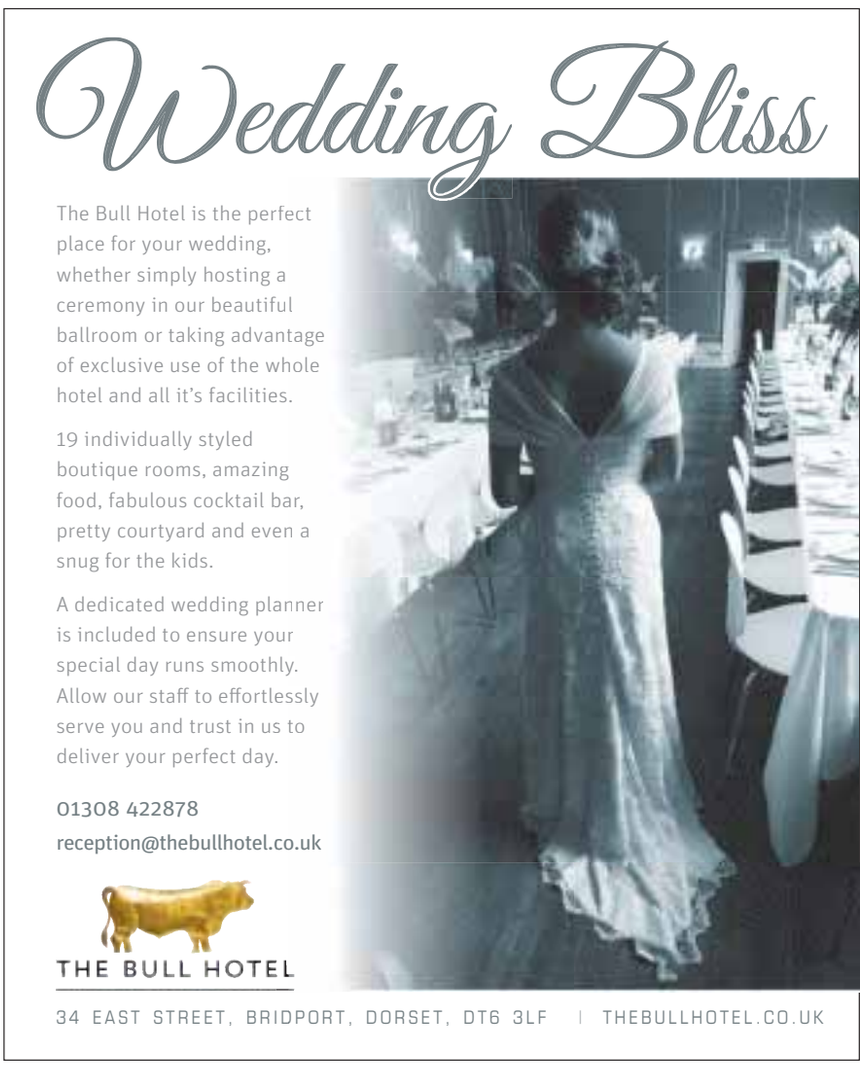

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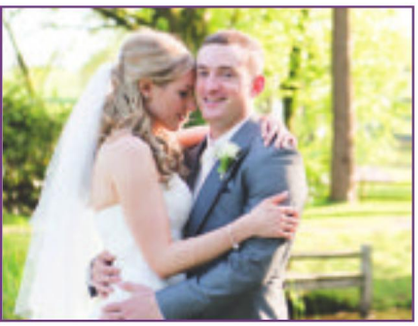

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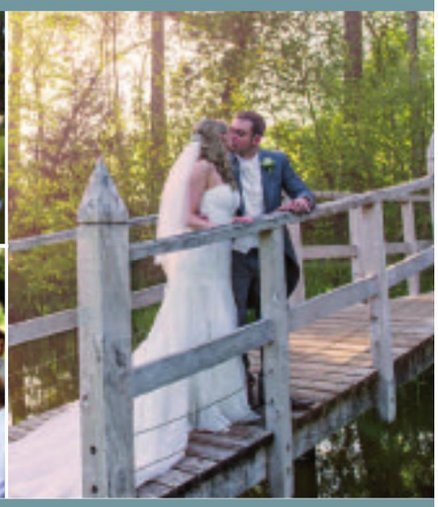

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Serve a Signature Rehearsal Dinner Cocktail: There's no hard and fast rule that says signature cocktails are only for the wedding day. Your celebration is a whole weekend long, after all. Save the his-and-hers brews for the big night, but include one magical concoction at the rehearsal dinner. Add a little glimmer to the night with the Starry Night cocktail: two parts chilled Rosa Regale and one part Van Gogh Double Espresso Vodka. Trust us—your guests will be double fisting.

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Go Big, Like, Magnum Big: Here's a low-cost way to make a big impression on your guests. You'll never feel more luxe than popping a magnum-sized bottle of sparkling rose at your wedding. This big-sized bottle won't just make for an extravagant pour—serve Rosa Regale instead of traditional champagne for toasts!—but a bigger bottle also goes a longer way into the night. We think that's a two-for-one: High style impact, extra cost savings. Can't beat it!

Add an Amazing Backdrop: Skip the photo booth and opt for a stunner of a backdrop that your guests will love to feature in the back of their selfies and Snaps. Flower walls—be them fully covered or hanging blooms—are the perfect way to add elegance to your wedding day. If you can, have your florist make it portable, so it can serve as the backdrop to your ceremony, and a photo-stop during the reception. Opt for lower-priced blooms in all white (guests will never know!) for an affordable option.

Give Mini Bottles for Favors: Stumped on what to send your guests home with? How about something they can use to continue the party at home! Set a table with plastic glasses filled with ice, then pop mini bottles of sparkling Rosa Regale, and a cute paper straw, in each cup. Guests can grab these miniature "ice buckets" as they leave and choose to drink it on their way out, or save it for home. Either way, it's chilled and ready to go.

Add Some Sparkle If your venue allows it, a wash of lit candles can go a long way in taking your wedding over the top. From adding sparkle to your centerpieces to filling blank spaces, candles in beautiful mercury glass, crystal holders, or floating in water will add the perfect soft glow to your day. Think staggering heights and even hanging pieces for a real wow-factor.

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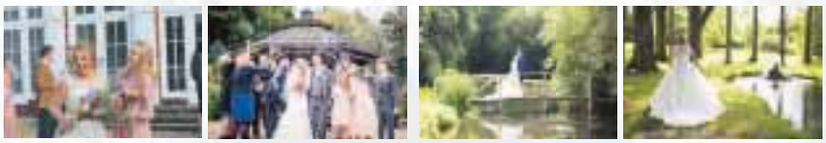

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Wedding Trends for 2017

Planning a 2017 wedding? Some of our favorite wedding experts have given us a sneak peek at what wedding trends are on the rise. Here's what's going to be trendy with weddings this year...

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A COLOR Comeback: "Color is making a comeback, versus all-white weddings. We're seeing less floral and more props as well as hanging centerpieces and more lighting patterns in abundance." — Nahid Farhoud, Nahid's Global Events.

Elaborate Entrances: "We are seeing a rise in elaborate entrances and we expect to see this trend continue into the New Year. This includes over-the-top décor as guests make their way to the event, as well as incorporating unique entertainment (think fire starters!) that grabs guests' attention." — Fabrice Orlando, Cocoon Events Management Group.

Faraway Destinations: "While tropical paradises like Mexico, Jamaica, the Bahamas and Costa Rica still top the list of hot spots to tie the knot, we've seen Iceland, Canada and Italy emerge as popular locales for couples looking to go off the beaten path." — Megan Velez, Destination Weddings.

Planning Virtually: "Couples have gone fully mobile with their wedding plans. Millennials are all about instant gratification, so they want their wedding planning right at their fingertips at any given moment. There's going to be a continued increasing in seeing the whole planning process online." — Li Zhou, LadyMarry.

Vertical Impact: "When it comes to wedding decor, couples are looking up for inspiration. They are taking advantage of the vertical visual space above guest tables and highlighting it with a number of options. Expect to see tall tapers paired with luxurious candelabras, low-hanging string lights or Edison bulbs and chandeliers in a variety of shapes and sizes in 2017." — Audrey Isaac, 100 Candles.

Garden-Inspired Florals: "With florals, we're going to keep seeing garlands, as well as organic bouquets and centerpieces, all of which have had tremendous staying power among brides." — Jamie Chang, Passport to Joy.

Creative Ice Breakers: "Couples are looking for ways to engage their guests throughout the wedding day. Interactive food stations and lawn games are great for fostering engagement, as is unique entertainment (think fire eaters or contortionists!), which will give everyone something to talk about. We also love the idea of guests walking into a photo wall, either stationery or as a slideshow." — Fabrice Orlando, Cocoon Events Management Group.

Neutral Tones with Bright Accents: "We're seeing dreamy palettes of greys, creams and golds paired with glass and metallics." — Audrey Isaac, 100 Candles.

Doubly Gorgeous Gowns: "One thing I've seen for the first time this year that I expect to see more of are removable skirts. The bride can have a sheath dress look and a ball gown look for much less than the cost of two dresses." — Ann Oleinik, Ann & Kam Photography & Cinema.

A Never-Ending Feast of Food: "Late night snacks are becoming more of a 'must do' as opposed to simply an add-on. We're also seeing additional courses added to the dinner beyond simply a salad and entrée." — Kevin Dennis, Fantasy Sound Event Services.

Dynamic Desserts: "There will always be a place for the traditional wedding cake but more couples are embracing alternatives such as doughnuts, cookies and even cheese." — Jamie Chang, Passport to Joy.

Photo by Jackie Wonders

Techy Effects: "Couples are finding new ways to integrate technology into their destination wedding as they take advantage of things like custom Snapchat geofilters and 3D printing to personalize cake toppers, place cards, favors, wedding bands and more. We've also seen more couples live-streaming their ceremony as more hotels are offering it in their wedding packages." — Megan Velez, Destination Weddings.

Feeling Charitable: "In a shift that focuses more on giving than getting, couples are embracing charity registries, which allows guests to make a donation in their honor." — Jamie Chang, Passport to Joy.

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Your guide to local live music

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Live Gigs

Wednesday 3 May
Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Steve Black & Friends 9pm

Thursday 4 May
County Museum, Dorchester
Bernardo (Spanish & Russian Guitar) with Kevin Avery (lute and classical guitar)
Free, suggested donation £3. 1-2pm

Friday 5 May
Electric Palace
Noasis 8pm. £11.50+bf

Saturday 6 May
Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm. Free entry
Crown Inn, Bridport
Stress 9.30pm.

Saturday 7 May
Crown Inn, Bridport
Jamming at the Crown 4-6pm.

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, April 29th compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. Prince
2. Pink Floyd
3. Iron Maiden
4. Frank Sinatra
5. Stranglers
6. Dave Brubeck
7. Fleetwood Mac
8. Bo Diddley
9. Neil Young
10. The Beatles

www.clocktowermusic.co.uk

Invaders of the Future

Bestival announces raft of new acts for 2017

IF BLISTERING bands, raucous rock and dreamy folk music is what you want at Bestival, then the Invaders of the Future are what you need. A glimpse of our musical destiny these are the most exciting up-and-coming acts around. So, if you're seeking an earful of discovery be sure to head to the Lulworth Estate in Dorset this September 7th-10th.

■ Honeyblood

Arbiter of aural adventuring Rob da Bank says: "This is one of my favourite things about Bestival. I spend ages thinking about who the most exciting new bands are and what underground sounds will blow everyone away. From Honeyblood and Black Foxxes to TRAAMS and Dead!, there's a ton of acts who will be on the bigger stages next year. I promise you, this lot will be blasting from your headphones for years to come, so try not to miss them before they start playing enormo-domes!"

Turning the excitement up to 11, there will be must-see sets from sugar-coated riff monsters Honeyblood, doom-popsters Black Foxxes, chap-hop superstar Mr B The Gentleman Rhymer, indie kids Chastity Belt, Brighton's The Magic Gang, folk troubadour Sean McGowan, DIY Punks The Tuts, feedback fuelled rockers TRAAMS, a band who have not yet ceased to be, Dead!, and stomping bluesy solo artiste Barns Courtney.

■ Black Foxxes

There will also be appearances from The Showhawk Duo, Swan Levitt, Upstarts, Coco and the Butterfields, Vistas, The Du-Rell Family, Lewis Bootle, Fours and Wild Front.

And even more live music from the likes of Jodie Abacus, Shama Rahman, Ecurbrekal, Nakamarra, Compton White, Brandon Rivers, Graceland, Route2Roots, Freazy and Eton Girls Choir.

For more details and future updates, visit the website at www.bestival.net, or the Facebook and Twitter pages.

Kokoro return to Dorchester

KOKORO, the new music ensemble of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, return to the Corn Exchange on Sunday, May 7th following their hugely memorable performance there in January 2016.

This very special performance will feature the premiere of a new work by Hywel Davies, inspired by the county of Dorset.

Commissioned by Kokoro with support from the RVW Trust, notable references include Mary Anning (famous Victorian fossil collector), Muzio Clementi (contemporary of Mozart and Haydn and some time resident of Blandford Forum), nightfall at Portland Bill, Foxwell Buxton (19th century MP for Weymouth and leading figure in the campaign for the abolition of slavery) and Duck Street, the location of the Cerne Abbas Man viewpoint.

Hywel Davis noted that "bringing new work to audiences outside larger metropolitan areas is very important, and was one of the appeals of writing this work. Kokoro and their home county of Dorset have been a big part of my life, particularly in the last four years, and the five movements of the quartet composed this year have been suggested by places and people associated with Dorset"

Other outstanding works to be performed in this afternoon concert include Shostakovich's Piano Trio No 2 and Arvo Pärt's Fratres, perhaps best known for its use in the soundtrack of the film There Will Be Blood.

There will be a free pre-concert 'in conversation' event with Hywel Davies at 1.45pm in the Town Hall.

Tickets are £14 full price or £12 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk. Members of Live for 5 aged 14 – 25 can buy tickets for £5 (see Dorchester Arts website for details).

The Kings of Swing bring the sunshine

THE JIVE ACES, the UK's hottest swing band, will put a smile on everyone's face with their unique brand of sunshine swing on the opening night of this year's Lyme Regis Jazz festival.

They have just the right credentials having been delighting audiences with their high energy stage shows for over twenty years. Their unique blend of jive and swing combined with zany antics, dance and even acrobatics on stage make them the ideal choice to kick off what promises to be a music-fuelled weekend in the resort.

As anyone who has seen them perform live knows, The Jive Aces, are one of the hardest-working and most polished bands in show business performing over 300 shows a year in over 25 countries.

Their music is a combination of hot jive overlaid with the back beat of rock 'n' roll and the rhythm of big band swing. It is highly danceable - which is not surprising since some band members originally trained as dancers and set up The Cotton Club outside London to cater for the kind of music they themselves loved to dance to. And when there weren't enough bands around to play, they decided to form their own!

But their career went stellar in 2011 after they recorded a video of "Bring Me Sunshine" which rapidly became a YouTube sensation with over a million views.

Ian Clarkson, bandleader, singer, trumpet and ukulele player says, "I've always loved that song. When I started playing the uke it was one of the first songs I played - I even got to play it to Prince Charles at a veteran's event. Everybody knows the song even if, like many Americans, they don't get the Morecombe and Wise reference. One Seattle doctor actually prescribed our video to one of his patients suffering from depression!"

They regularly tour America since first invited to perform at the Olympic Games celebrations in Atlanta, Georgia, in the mid-90s and have recently returned from yet another successful tour. They have worked with many other top performers including Chuck Berry, Isaac Hayes, Van Morrison and the Count Basie Orchestra.

They are, in other words, a top class act – dedicated to spreading some sunshine – whether playing at the Royal Albert Hall, Glastonbury Festival, London Olympics or for the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Julie Sheppard, the festival's director said "I can't imagine getting the festival off to a better start than with The Jive Aces. If you saw the Biscuit Boys last year, you're going to absolutely love The Jive Aces – especially with the vocal talents of the fabulous Ms Amy Baker. No matter what the weather's doing outside, grab yourself a ticket and some Friday night sunshine".

The Jive Aces play at the Marine Theatre on Friday, May 26th, at 8pm. Tickets are available online at www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk or from the box office by calling 01297 441238.

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Five top soloists to perform with New Elizabethan Singers

THE NEW Elizabethan Singers will be joined by five outstanding professional soloists when they perform Handel's 'Israel in Egypt'.

They are especially pleased to welcome soprano, Katharine Fuge who has performed all over the world with leading directors and ensembles. She is particularly well known for her long association with John Eliot Gardiner and the Monteverdi Choir.

Chloe Stratta graduated from the University of Manchester in 2013 and continued her studies under Ryland Davies and Deborah Rees. She frequently performs in oratorio, opera and recitals, in particular working as a soprano soloist in the South West.

Mezzo-soprano Carmel de Jager freelances throughout Europe as both a soloist and consort singer. She is a current St Martin's Voices fellow and records regularly with London Voices.

Tenor Ben Thapa is one quarter of the crossover group G4, runners-up on the first series of the X Factor. Opera credits include the Royal Opera, English National Opera and Scottish Opera.

Bass Rick Fitzsimmons is a founder member of 'Mendip Voices' and the Bath based 'Vox8' octet. He's also a regular singer at 'Blackdowns Early Music Project' events.

The concert takes place on Saturday, May 20th in St Swithun's Church, Bridport starting at 7.30pm. Tickets (£12, U18's free) are available from Goadsby and Bridport Music, both in South St.

■ Katherine Fuge

VIEW2 THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

A DOG'S PURPOSE PG
A DOG looks to discover his purpose in life over the course of several lifetimes and owners. Stars Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid and Peggy Lipton.

SLEEPLESS 15
A COP with a connection to the criminal underworld scours a nightclub in search of his kidnapped son. Stars Jamie Foxx, Michelle Monaghan and Dermot Mulroney.

MINDHORN 12A
A HAS-BEEN actor best known for playing the title character in the 1980s detective series "Mindhorn" must work with the police when a serial killer says that he will only speak with Detective Mindhorn, whom he believes to be a real person. Stars Julian Barratt, Essie Davis, Andrea Riseborough and Kenneth Branagh.

UNLOCKED 15
A CIA interrogator is lured into a ruse that puts London at risk of a biological attack. Stars Noomi Rapace, Orlando Bloom and Toni Collette.

Cinema Listings

(all listings subject to change)

Fri, May 5th to Thu, May 11th

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A Dog's Purpose PG
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 13.15, 15.45, 18.15
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Tue: 11.15, 15.45, 18.15
Wed: 15.45, 18.15
Beauty and the Beast PG
Tue-Thu: 10.45, Sat & Sun: 11.15am
Fast and Furious 8 12A
Fri, Tue, Wed: 20.15
Sat-Mon: 20.00, Thu: 17.15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 14.00, 17.15, 20.30
Sat & Sun: 10.45, 13.45, 17.00, 20.15
Tue: 10.30, 14.00, 17.15, 20.30
Thu: 12.45, 16.00, 20.00
Lady Macbeth 15
Fri: 12.45, 15.00, 17.30, 20.45
Sat & Sun: 15.15, 17.30, 20.45
Mon: 20.45, Tue & Wed: 13.15, 20.45
Their Finest 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.45, 17.00, 20.30
Sat & Sun: 14.30, 17.45, 20.30
The Boss Baby U
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Diary Dates

UNTIL WEDNESDAY MAY 10TH

LYME REGIS: Painter Jools Woodhouse and potter Ali Herbert have combined their love of creating beautiful items for the home and will be exhibiting together for the first time in Glazed Sky-Traced Earth, The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillarts.co.uk

LYME REGIS: An exhibition of work by acclaimed painter Robert Organ, curated by The Art Room. His love of nature is superbly rendered in recent paintings of golden carp, verdant gardens and the French landscape. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come to their coffee pop-in. You are welcome to come any time between 9.30 am and 12 noon and enjoy a drink and a rest from your shopping. There is also a stall selling handcrafted cards and other items, proceeds go to the Dorcas Wessex Trust.

THURSDAY MAY 4TH

DORCHESTER: West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when Peter Hammond will give a water colour demonstration. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information. Membership subscriptions are now due.

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: Aqua fit sessions at Highland's End swimming pool, 10.30am, followed by Babies and Toddlers sessions at 11.30. More details from Penny Yarnold on 07970 879047.

WEYMOUTH: A talk by Jan Willment called 'Hanging Baskets'. Jan will explain and demonstrate how to produce a wonderful, summer-long display in your hanging baskets. At St. Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey, Weymouth starting at 7:30 pm. Tea and coffee is available before the talk. Details from 814887 or visit our website BUDHS.

FRIDAY MAY 5TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Lyme 1200 / Dave King / Victor Ludorum / Wallis competitions. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

SUNDAY MAY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Musical Evening at St Mary's Church, St Swithuns Band will be in concert. 7.30pm.

WOOTTON FITZPAINE: Fun Quiz at Wootton Fitzpaine Social Club. Non-members welcome. Up to five in a team, £1 per person to participate. 8pm for 8.20pm start. General knowledge, TV, film, sport, pop quiz round, plus Kids questions for younger visitors. Prizes for the winners, and a raffle on the night.

MONDAY MAY 8TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: Aqua fit sessions at Highland's End swimming pool, 10.30am, followed by Babies and Toddlers sessions at 11.30. More details from Penny Yarnold on 07970 879047.

WEYMOUTH: Radipole and Southill Horticultural Society meeting at the Southill Community Centre, 7.30pm. Speaker Nick Cox from the National Trust's Killerton Estate in Devon. Refreshments available. Everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY MAY 9TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: Bingo and Curry Evening with music by Nina Garcia in aid of Weldmar. At The Spice Centre, 37 High West Street, Dorchester. Eyes down 7pm. Curry buffet and music from 8pm. Tickets £12. Including bingo and buffet.

BROADWINDSOR: Broadwindsor Jammers Guitar Club, Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor, 2pm - 5pm. Every 2nd Tuesday. Simply turn up with your acoustic guitar and music stand, if you have one, and enjoy a fun afternoon of playing popular songs from most genres using song sheets with chords provided. All ages and abilities welcome. The cost for the afternoon is only £3.00 which includes refreshments at halftime. For further information phone Geoff on 01308 867221 or email geoff381@hotmail.com

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society coach trip to Dunster Castle near Minehead. This National Trust property has lots to do and see - the castle itself, gardens and a working watermill, tearoom and it is possible to walk to the medieval village of Dunster. NT members £10, non-NT £20 - guests £3 extra. Ring Gill Williams on 01297 444927 to book your place.

LYME REGIS: Turn Lyme Green. A screening of the award winning film, 'DEMAIN (Tomorrow)'. The film shows communities around the world (and in the UK) finding solutions to tackle ecological and economic crises. Baptist Church Hall, Broad Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3HR. 7.15 for a prompt 7.30 start. FREE. Refreshment available. Donations are welcome.

WEDNESDAY MAY 10TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come to their coffee pop-in. You are welcome to come any time between 9.30 am and 12 noon and enjoy a drink and a rest from your shopping. There is also a stall selling handcrafted cards and other items, proceeds go to the Dorcas Wessex Trust.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. 'Harrods in Edwardian Times'. Talk by Yvonne Bell. Early catalogues and much more provide a fascinating insight into the shopping habits of the comfortably-off around 100 years ago, and much wry humour when viewed from a modern perspective. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10am, talk at 11am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

THURSDAY MAY 11TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: Aqua fit sessions at Highland's End swimming pool, 10.30am, followed by Babies and Toddlers sessions at 11.30. More details from Penny Yarnold on 07970 879047.

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Jill Slade of Julia's House will show a DVD by Martin Clunes. Start at 2.15pm, charge is £1 to include a biscuit and a cup of tea/coffee. All welcome. The Thursday group meets on the second Thursday of most months. For more details call 01305 269834.

FRIDAY MAY 12TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Coffee morning in aid of Dorchester Hospital Cancer Appeal. To be held at Smith & Smith (outfitters), 8 West Street, 10am-12noon. This appeal is to improve services for all cancer patients as part of a project bringing radiotherapy services to Dorset County Hospital, rather than patients having to travel long distances to Poole. There will be also be lots of cakes and a raffle with prizes donated by our suppliers. Please phone 01308 422172 for details.

SATURDAY MAY 13TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Choral Society. 'Bushes and Briars' with the Bridport Cafe Quartet. At Bridport United Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £8, under 16s £4, including refreshments. Available from Bridport Music or on the door.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Spring Plant Sale, from 9:30-11:30 am in Uplyme Village Hall, entry £1. Donations of plants will be welcome, and there should be a wide range of flower and vegetable plants to buy, as well as tea, coffee and cakes. Be there early as the best plants disappear quickly!

WEYMOUTH: Broadwey, Upwey & District Horticultural Society Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue, Upwey, Weymouth starting at 2:00pm. Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and more will be on sale at reasonable prices. Tea and coffee plus cakes also available. Details from 01305 814887 or see our website, BUDHS.

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Energetic folk from Welsh five-piece Calan

■ Calan

FIDDLES, guitar, accordion, bagpipes and step dancing explode into life when Calan, the energetic young folk band from Wales, take to the stage.

They breathe fire into the old traditions with their infectious rhythms and high voltage routines before melting into some of the most beautiful and haunting songs as they explore the legends of Wales' very own fairy realm with tales of magic, myth and mischief.

They have introduced a new generation of music fans to Welsh traditional music – and continue to do so as they tour across Wales, throughout the UK, Europe, North America and beyond.

Great fun, a huge sense of humour, and step-dancing from a champion dancer makes for an outstanding show.

Calan play at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, May 13th at 8pm. Tickets are £14 available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

The Noise Next Door cause uproar!

THE U.K's premier improv comedy troupe have taken the comedy world by storm.

Eight time sell-out veterans of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and one of the country's most sought after comedy club headliners, The Noise Next Door leave audiences everywhere in awe of their lightning-quick wit and totally original comedic talents. They have been performing their own distinctive brand of off-the-cuff comedy together since they met at university.

Taking audience suggestions, the cheeky and charming quartet, transform them into fantastically funny scenes and songs in the blink of an eye with a perfect blend of ludicrous characters, witty one-liners, epic stories, and explosive physicality.

Now you can witness the astonishing comedy sensation live at Bridport Arts Centre. Expect an anarchic evening of side-splitting jokes, jaw-dropping characters, and mind-blowing songs.

Join the quickest wits in comedy as they transform audience suggestions into a fantastic, fresh new entertainment experience every single night.

The Noise Next Door perform at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, May 12th at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £14, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Powerful play looks at racism in response to current events

GAZEBO'S powerful play, *'Sorry! No Coloureds, No Irish, No Dogs'*, comes to Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, May 6th, an exploration of racism and migration, in response to events taking place across the UK and internationally.

Two strangers find themselves in a room of suitcases, books and stories which take them on a journey of discovery, reflection and tragedy, and bring the events of hundreds of years gone before bang up to date.

Featuring, amongst others, Mary Seacole, Walter Tull, Black Panther- Obi Egbuna, Queen Nanny of the Maroons, and William who sailed aboard the SS Empire Windrush, this play is 'eye opening', 'thought provoking' and set to stimulate discussion.

Lisa Wilcock of Bridport Arts centre said: 'This is a powerful portrayals of racism and a moving piece of theatre'

Written and directed by Pamela Cole-Hudson ("The Hallowed Turf", "Rivers to Cross", "Jamaica 50", "Sweet Tooth")

'Sorry! No Coloureds, No Irish, No Dogs' comes to Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, May 6th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 and £10, available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

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Beaminster Youth Club is a charity that was formed last year, to replace the existing organisation when Dorset County Council made the decision to cease funding for youth clubs in the county.

The aim of the charity is to provide a place for young people aged 8-17 to meet, socialise, have fun and gain new experiences and training, and is a vital facility for the young rural community where public transport is at a minimum.

As a charity, one of their biggest struggles is fundraising; the club pays rent for the use of their building and employs a number of qualified youth workers. Most importantly, funds are required to be able to continue to run and build on the activities and training on offer.

The donations made by Mayfair Town & Country will enable more of these opportunities for the young people of Beaminster and the surrounding areas.

Gil Streets from Beaminster Youth Club said: "The trustees and the staff are all very grateful to Mayfair Town and Country for the generous offer to fund the club in this way. It will enable us to extend the range of opportunities we can offer to young people. The first call on the money from Mayfair Town and Country will be to pay staff to run Activity Days during the school holidays."

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'It has been great to see three offices all pulling together to train for this event' added Bridport manager Daniel Magee. 'However, we are all naturally competitive and on the day I am sure each office will do their best to beat the others which will add some spice to the day!'

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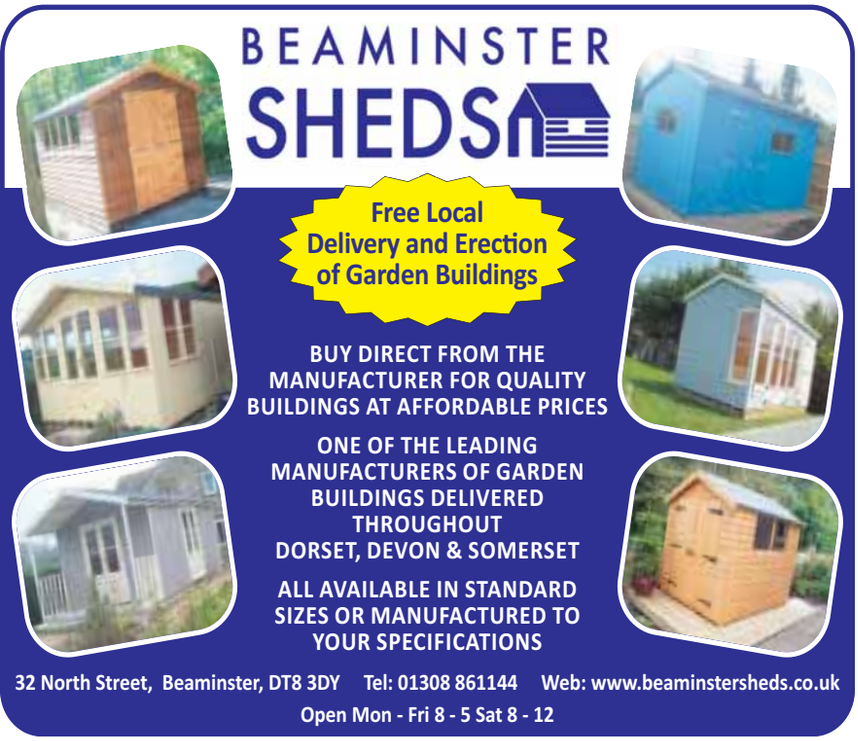

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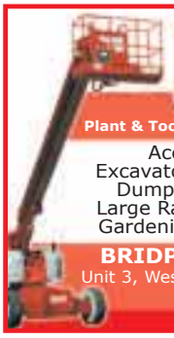

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DS 7 CROSSBACK La Première - price and specification announced

INITIAL customers of the new DS 7 CROSSBACK will be those that place orders for the exclusive Limited Edition La Première model – a premium-specified, sumptuously-equipped distinctive SUV vehicle that features an impressive combination of advanced technology features.

La Première includes features of charismatic design; Elegant proportions, DS ACTIVE LED VISION, Hypnotic 3D rear lights and two 12-inch instrumentation screens with an innovative interface. French luxury know-how is clearly evident with the 'Art Rubis' leather upholstery interior trim – unique to La Première – with an obsession for detail and magnified interior roominess.

Cutting-edge equipment

This innovative approach goes hand-in-hand with the cutting-edge features of DS 7 CROSSBACK La Première with the latest technologies that will subsequently be available across the range: DS CONNECTED PILOT -paving the way for autonomous driving through Active Cruise Control and Lane Keeping Assist, DS NIGHT VISION - considerably improving visibility for driving at night, and DS ACTIVE SCAN SUSPENSION - the 21st century DS suspension system, which uses a camera to anticipate bumps and undulations in the road for optimising ride comfort.

Distinctive styling

DS 7 CROSSBACK La Première stands out for its chic, exclusive styling: an elegant, charismatic allure with a choice of colours; Cumulus Grey metallic, Pearl White or Perla Nera Black pearlescent contrasting with a unique Nappa leather upholstery in a shade called Art Rubis, for a deep, welcoming environment. The refined watchstrap leather design of the seats is accentuated by pearl top-stitching, and the Nappa leather features a patina effect. Further, the exclusive B.R.M R180 timepiece displays the colours of the interior environment, while the dashboard and protective floor mats carry La Première identity.

Reflecting an obsession for detail, touches of the characteristic Art Rubis shade can be seen on the vehicle's exterior, on the DS monogram badging at the front, the badges on the side and even on the sculpted 20-inch 'Paris' gloss black Onyx diamond-cut alloy wheels. This Limited Edition model magnifies a wealth of specification highlights available on the new DS SUV range, which is set to delight its first drivers.

To ensure optimised dynamic performance, DS 7 CROSSBACK La Première is available with a choice of the two most powerful engines in the range: Diesel BlueHDi 180 S&S and Petrol THP 225 S&S, both mated to the latest new-generation Efficient Automatic Transmission with 8-speeds (EAT8).

In the UK, DS 7 CROSSBACK La Première is available with the choice of the two power units, one petrol, one diesel, both priced at £42,650 on-the-road.

Potential customers are invited to make reservations for the Limited Edition, which is only available to order in 2017 until 31 December. A dedicated on-line site: https://reservationlapremiere-finance.ds7crossback.co.uk/ allows them to configure the specification and make payment adjustments to personalise their preferred repayment terms.

This Limited Edition of the new DS 7 CROSSBACK - La Première is available to review online via the DS brand website: www.DSautomobiles.co.uk. To reserve one of these exclusive and highly-specified Limited Edition DS 7 CROSSBACK La Première vehicles, anytime anywhere, customers can simply follow the step-by-step guide. As part of the online discovery of this first DS 7 CROSSBACK Limited Edition, customers will be able to configure their specific vehicle (their choice of body colour, equipment, powertrain, etc.). Buyers who reserve La Première will be kept progressively informed with all developments and status before taking delivery of their special vehicle.

Virtually available now

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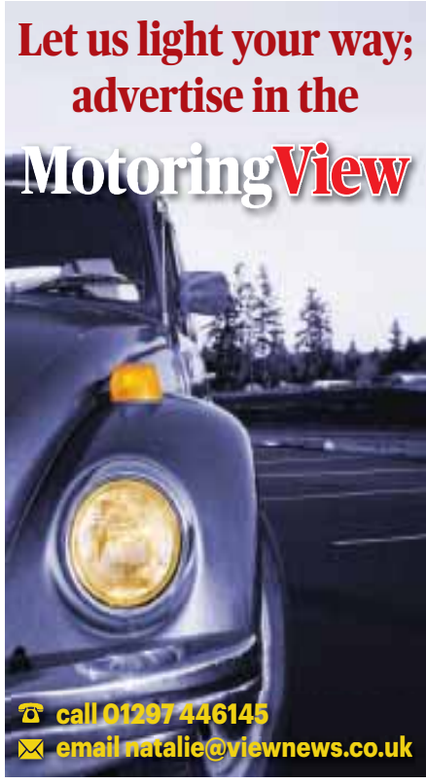

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Melksham Town	37	58	82
Buckland Athletic	37	49	82
Bradford Town	37	34	67
Willand Rovers	37	17	66
Odd Down	37	25	63
Cribbs	37	23	60
Gillingham Town	37	24	57
Cadbury Heath	37	2	53
Brislington	37	1	50
Shepton Mallet	37	-4	47
Chipping Sodbury	37	-28	41
Wells City	37	-19	40
Clevedon Town	37	-17	39
BRIDPORT	37	-24	34
Longwell Green	37	-71	34
Hallen	37	-55	22
Bitton	37	-55	19
Sherborne Town	37	-104	13

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	GD	Pts
Holt Utd (C)	30	66	76
Balti Sports	32	55	70
Hamworthy Rec	32	69	69*
Westland Sports	31	56	62
Merley Cobham	30	46	61
Swanage & Herston	29	56	60
Dorchester Sports	31	12	56
Parley Sports	30	11	48
Gillingham Res	29	17	47
Blandford Utd	32	-23	39
Wareham Rangers	30	-27	32
Mere Town	31	-34	29
Sturm Newton Utd	31	-35	29
BRIDPORT RES	32	-30	28
Hamworthy Utd Res	32	-52	20
Sherborne Res	31	-62	14
Cranborne	31	-125	7

D&E Division 1 (20)	Pld	GD	Pts
Cronies FC (C)	20	72	53
Exeter Uni Res	19	24	38
Exmouth Town Res	20	15	35
Witheridge Res	18	2	32
Sidmouth Town Res	19	11	31
LYME REGIS	20	10	29
Colyton	20	-2	27
Wellington Res	20	-30	19
Alphington Res	20	-28	15
Willand Rovers Res	20	-33	14
Bickleigh	20	-41	10

D&E Division 6 (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Winkleigh (C)	23	84	61
Exwick Village	24	52	53
LYME REGIS RES	21	40	45
Central FC	22	30	45
Hemyock	22	41	40
Halwill Reserves	22	21	36
Offwell Rangers	23	15	36*
Elmore Reserves	21	18	31
Tivvy Park Rangers	23	-20	23
Stoke Hill	24	-42	22*
Dunkeswell Rovers	23	-51	18
Hatherleigh Res	24	-92	10*
Silverton	24	-97	5

Perry St Prem (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Barrington	17	32	41
Beaminster	16	51	37
South Petherton	17	38	37
Shepton Beauchamp	15	11	29
Misterton	16	24	27
Winsham Utd	16	-21	20
Chard Utd	16	-12	15
W & M Chinnock	17	-17	13
Netherbury	17	-62	9
Combe Reserves	17	-44	6*

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Waytown Hounds	17	21	35
Merriott Rovers	15	40	32
Hawkchurch Utd	14	33	31
Pymore	16	19	30
Forton Rangers	16	32	29
Ilminster Colts	16	9	28
Uplyme	16	11	20
Shepton Beau Res	18	-30	14*
Combe A	18	-27	10*
S.Petherton Res	16	-108	2

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Halstock	16	52	39
Chard Rangers	16	24	32
Winsham Utd Res	16	14	31
Farway Utd	14	26	30
Charmouth	17	18	26
Crewkerne Rangers	17	1	20
Dowlish & Donyatt	16	-18	18
Thorncombe	17	-15	15
Kingsbury Episc	16	-30	15
Chard Utd Res	17	-73	7

Perry St Div 3 (22)	Pld	GD	Pts
Misterton Reserves	20	86	50
Forton Rangers Res	18	52	46
Uplyme Reserves	18	55	45
Thorncombe Res	21	0	30
Merriott Dynamos	19	0	30
Ilminster Town A	20	-16	27
Crewk Rangers Res	19	11	26
Fivehead	19	-20	26
Lyme Regis Rovers	18	10	23*
Farway Utd Res	20	-34	15
Chard Rangers Res	22	-51	11
Chard Utd All Stars	20	-93	5*

Promotion secured for Lyme Reserves

Depleted Pymore second best in Cup Final - Beaminster title hopes ended at South Petherton

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
ARTHUR GAGE CUP FINAL
Forton Rangers 4 Pymore 1

MISSING three key players Pymore were always up against it in their bid to lift the Arthur Gage Cup Final for the third time at Axminster Town's Tiger Way Ground on Friday evening.

"We were already missing Tim Hussey and Steve Maynard with ankle injuries when our keeper Charlie Youngs was ruled out with a groin injury on Friday lunchtime," said Pymore assistant player-manager Matt Titer.

Forton, who were far from full strength themselves, were no doubt lifted by the absence of 400+ goal striker Hussey in particular and looked the stronger side from the off.

Two Cameron Barfoot goals had Dave Ellis' side deservedly 2-0 in front at half time.

Pymore then made a slight switch in a bid to get back into the game with veteran Fred Etherington brought on in a deep midfield role in front of the back four.

This sparked the West Dorset club's best spell of the game which culminated in Ryan Gay pulling a goal back with a spectacular long distance strike for his first goal of the season.

And they appeared to have equalised when Rich Legg, who put in another lung-bursting performance in the midfield, had the ball in the net for what appeared to be the equaliser, only for his effort to be ruled out for offside.

But play then switched up the other end and Forton top scorer Robbie Walker notched his 25th goal of the campaign to effectively kill off the Pymore challenge, and Barfoot completed his hat trick late on.

Ellis picked out Barfoot, Walker and Russ Gage as his top performers while Legg starred for Pymore.

■ STAR MAN: Rich Legg

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
Tuesday, April 25th
DIVISION THREE
Farway Res 1 Uplyme Res 5

Uplyme Reserves are still in with a shout of a league and cup treble after their 5-1 win at Farway United Reserves.

Alex Jones struck the inside of a post early on but the visitors were soon in front when Ryan Smith picked out the in-form James Souter-Phillips who finished well.

The lead was doubled through Smith after good work from Jones and they added a third with Smith and Souter-Phillips linking again and the latter notching his second of the evening.

And own goal early in the second period put the result beyond doubt and Ben Prosser then opened his goal account for the club with a fine free kick.

Farway grabbed a consolation when Tom Young's low shot found it's way through a crowd of players from the edge of the box.

Midfielders Wes Holmes and Lorcan Hankin impressed Uplyme manager Stu Wooster.

Lyme Regis Rovers 3
Crewkerne Rangers Res 2

THERE was a topsy-turvy game at the Davey Fort where Lyme Regis Rovers came from behind twice to beat Crewkerne Rangers Reserves 3-2 in a midtable clash.

Rangers took the lead in the 19th minute with the goal of the game a superb chip from Lewis England.

But the hosts levelled midway through the second half when Simon Flux smashed the ball home after Pete Peacock's 20-yard dipping volley had come back off the crossbar.

Rangers edged back in front through Ryan Forsey 10 minutes later when Rovers keeper Ryan Turner misjudged a ball across the edge of his penalty area

But Lyme squared things up again. Rhys Evans was tripped in the box and stepped up to take the resulting penalty but this was well saved by Rangers' stand-in keeper Matt Isaacs only for Evans to tuck away the rebound.

The winner came right on time when full back Stefan Taylor picked out Evans with a superb ball down the right and Evans crossed low to Flux who calmly slotted home his second of the match.

DEVON & EXTER LEAGUE
Wednesday, April 26th
Lyme Regis Reserves 3
Offwell Rangers 0
Division Six

LYME Regis Reserves levered themselves up into the promotion places on goal difference with a deserved 3-0 win over Offwell Rangers on Wednesday evening.

The game saw Rangers keeper Ben Kayes in superb form throughout as he kept the winning margin into single figures with a string of fine saves.

Kayes performed heroics to deny efforts Mark Bailey, Steve Batey, Dec Ellis, Kieren Daniels and Ryan Fifer before finally being beaten in the 36th minute. Daniels was felled on the left corner of the penalty area and Batey stepped up to drill the resulting free kick high up into the far top corner.

Rangers were pleased to reach the break only one behind but this was doubled 10 minutes after the break when a cross from the right reached Fifer at the far post and he neatly lifted the ball over the advancing Kayes and into the net from 15 yards.

More should have followed, top scorer Ellis was thwarted on a number of occasions before finally notching his 27th club goal of the season in the 71st minute after Daniels' shot had been saved.

Saturday, April 29th
DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
Lyme Regis Res 5
Tivvy Park Rangers 0
Division Six

LYME Regis Reserves' impressive form, particularly at the Davey Fort, has culminated in promotion from the Devon & Exeter League Division Six at the first time of asking.

The team's final goal haul could have been a lot higher but they once again came up against a visiting goalkeeper in inspired form.

Tivvy's experienced gloveman Darren Parsons was called into action in the second minute with a finger-tip save to divert Ally Rattenbury's clipped effort onto the crossbar and away for a corner.

But Parsons could do nothing about Dec Ellis' curling shot which found the top corner.

Ellis was forced off through illness 10 minutes later to be replaced by Steve Batey.

Despite the loss of their top scorer Lyme continued to press. Sam Bevis, back from injury, squandered a couple of good opportunities while Parsons did well to deny Steve Batey twice.

But they did finally get a second on the brink of half time when Steve Batey's low free kick was parried and Bevis tucked away the rebound.

Daniels, who put a MoM shift in his best game in a Lyme shirt, went close three minutes after the turnaround with scorching drive from the corner of the area that was tipped onto the inside of the angle of the goal frame by the overworked Parsons.

The woodwork came the Rangers' aid again 10 minutes later when an attempted clearance struck Julien Simier and diverted up onto the crossbar.

Daniels went close again with a low shot that was headed off the line, but the third goal came minute later when substitute Mark Bailey's short free kick found Simier who slammed the ball home.

And the one-way traffic continued as did the chances; Luke Clifton crossed well from the right to Steve Batey whose header was tipped over the bar. And moments later Mark Batey repeated his sibling's effort with the same result.

Two goals in the last seven minutes eventually gave the final score line a more realistic look.

Daniels drilled home low volley before the goal of the game – a classy move beginning with a diagonal pass from Ally Rattenbury that found Clifton who's cushioned pass set up Simier for his second.

Monday, May 1st
Lyme Regis Reserves 5
Elmore Reserves 3
Division Six

A THIRD home win in five days left Lyme Regis Reserves on the brink of securing runners-up spot in the Devon & Exeter League Division Six

Lyme, boosted by some superb recent home form, were quickly into their stride and Julien Simier cut in from the left wing before sliding the ball across to Steve Batey who had the simple task of opening the scoring in the sixth minute.

But a reckless lunge from Seasiders left back Ally Rattenbury gifted Elmore a penalty despite minimal contact and Mason King tucked away the resulting spot kick.

More chances came and went at the other end before Dec Ellis selflessly squared the ball for Simier to make it 2-1 on the half hour.

The maverick French winger then cracked home crisp low drive to extend the lead a minute before half time.

The Seasiders were comfortable at 3-1 but clearly took their foot off the gas against a youthful front line and two goals; another from King, and the second an unfortunate headed effort by Lyme skipper Alex Rowe, saw The Eagles swoop to level at 3-3 with 19 minutes remaining.

Stung, the Seasiders gathered their composure and, when Kieren Daniels was checked 22 yards from goal four minutes later, up stepped Mark Bailey to curl home a superb free kick that had the Elmore keeper grasping thin air.

And the win was confirmed two minutes from time and Daniels got on the score sheet with a snap header that found the net via a defender.

UPCOMING FIXTURE
Saturday, May 6th
Division Six
Halwill Res v Lyme Regis Reserves

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
PREMIER
South Petherton 2
Beaminster 0

BEAMINSTER's defeat at Lightgate Lane means the Premier Division title trophy has been won by Barrington for the first time in their history.

In a game of few chances the first half ended goalless. The deadlock was eventually broken when Ash Smith rounded off a neat move in style five minutes after the interval.

The Magpies win was confirmed midway through the half when Dean Smith's shot came back off the crossbar and Ash Smith tucked away the rebound.

Robin Jones had Beaminster's best chance five minutes from time but was thwarted by a fine one-on-one save by Pethy keeper Darren Charles as the Rainbows failed to score in a league game for the first time this season.

DIVISION ONE
S.Petherton Res 2 Uplyme 1

DEFEAT against already-relegated South Petherton saw Uplyme's losing run extended to three games.

"They [Petherton] had a completely different line-up to the one we put 14 past in the reverse fixture. But we have nothing to play for and appear to have lost heart – it's been a very disappointing season," said Uplyme joint manager Jon Matthews.

Richie Robinson netted for Uplyme who, with one game to play are now guaranteed a seventh place finish.

DIVISION THREE
Chard United All Stars 1
Lyme Regis Rovers 9

LYME Regis Rovers had few problems as they strolled to the biggest away win in their 20-year history against the League's wooden spoonists.

The Seasiders took the lead after 10 minutes through Ryan King who later added a second. Fellow teenagers Finlay McLean and Jonny Day both went one better with their first senior hat tricks for the club with Robbie Prior chipping in with a single.

But keeper Chris Higgs and his back line missed out on a clean sheet when Ryan Hammett scored the last goal of the game.

■ HAT TRICK: Finlay McLean

Uplyme Res 2 Misterton Res 3

UPLYME Reserves' hopes sneaking up on the rails and snatching the Division Three title were ended by a 3-2 defeat at the hands of rivals Misterton Reserves in a dress rehearsal of next Saturday's John Fowler cup final.

The hosts carried a 1-0 lead into the interval thanks to a Jake Sargent free kick.

But, kicking down the Venlake slope in the second half, Misterton struck twice to swing things around before Jonnie Harris' pace proved too much for the visiting defence and the teenage winger squared things up at 2-2.

However, the parity lasted just five minutes as Stuart Weston capitalised on some hesitant defending to slot home his second goal of the game.

The defeat leaves Uplyme still in with a chance of securing second place and automatic promotion to Division Two.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Wednesday, May 3rd
KEN HODGES CUP FINAL
Farway Utd v Kingsbury Episcopi
(at Drimpton, 6.15pm ko)
DIVISION ONE
Merriott Rovers v Hawkchurch Utd
DIVISION THREE
Misterton Res v Chard Utd All Stars
Thursday, May 4th
DIVISION ONE
Pymore v Forton Rangers
Friday, May 5th
TOMMY TABBERER CUP FINAL
Charmouth v Farway Utd
(at Lyme Regis, 6.15pm ko)
Saturday, May 6th
JOHN FOWLER CUP FINAL
Misterton Res v Uplyme Res
(at Halstock, 5.15pm ko)
PREMIER
Misterton v W & M Chinnock (2pm)
Chard Utd v Beaminster
Shepton Beauchamp v Winsham Utd
DIVISION ONE
Ilminster Colts v Waytown Hounds
Merriott Rovers v Forton Rangers
Uplyme v Hawkchurch Utd
DIVISION TWO
Kingsbury Episcopi v Thorncombe
DIVISION THREE
Farway Utd Res v Crewk Rangers Res
Forton Rangers Reserves v Fivehead
Lyme Regis Rovers v Merriott Dyn
Tuesday, May 9th
DIVISION ONE
Hawkchurch Utd v Merriott Rovers
DIVISION TWO
Chard Rangers v Charmouth
Halstock v Farway Utd
DIVISION THREE
Merriott Dyn v Uplyme Reserves

Lyme Regis Skittles

Play off decides pairs

RESULTS - w/c April 29th:
Ladies Pairs Final
Winners: Di Rickard & Jenni West
Runners Up: Shelley Larcombe & Sarah Churchill (after play-off - three pairs on 86).

Men's
Shakers 320 (+BL) v Roadrunners 358, Flyers 334 (+BL) v Young Guns 340, Trappers 365 (+BL) v Marksmen 349, Clueless 321 (+BL) v Young Guns 288, Flyers 309 (+BL) v Wreckers 330, Rousdon Rebels 337 (+BL) v Anthill Mob 347.

Upcoming fixtures;
Wednesday, May 3rd
No Hopers v Trappers (rearranged league game)
Men's Palmer Cup Semi-Finals
Tornadoes v Marksmen (Rock Point), Roadrunners v Clueless (The George).

Friday, May 5th
Men's Singles Final (Wootton Club)
P Liston; T Mayers; A Studley; J Lee; I Locke; A Rattenbury; N Bearpark; P Hodder; C Flux; P Bright; A Churchill; L Dare; P Grinter; D Welsh; L Hodder; J Fry.

Monday, May 8th
Ladies Doug Clark Final (Pilot Boat)
Wootton Wobblers v Hot Gossips.

Wednesday, May 10th
Men's Cornish Cup Semi-Finals
Clueless v Marksmen (The George), Flyers v Anthill Mob (Wootton Club).

Friday 12th May
Dave Smith Mixed Pairs Final (Wootton Club)
R Parsons & G Parsons, D Heath & R Bevis, D Rickard & J Rickard, A Rattenbury & B Rattenbury, E Bearpark & N Bearpark, J White & J White, J Wyatt & R Wyatt, A Gillings & D Gillings, S Rickard & K Bearpark.

Monday, May 15th
Ladies Singles Final (Wootton Club); Heather Kitcher, Anna Bearpark, Jenni West, Ros Parsons, Valerie Wellman, Lisa Taylor, Kelly Quick, Elaine Bearpark.

Wednesday, May 17th
Cawston All Cup Semi-Finals
La Crème v No Hopers (The George), President's Men v Roadrunners (Pilot Boat).

Friday, May 19th
Men's Bob Sweetland Cup Semi-Final
Young Guns v British Legion, Rousdon Rebels v Flyers.

Monday, May 22nd
Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Final:
Hot Gossips v Wootton Wobblers (venue TBC).

LADIES	P	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobb	14	22	21
Hot Gossips	14	20	20
Skittso's	14	18	20
Rollercoasters	14	15	18
Smashers	14	13	12
La Crème	14	10	10
Wild Pins	14	8	7
Generations	14	6	6

MEN'S DIV ONE	P	Pts	BL
Marksmen	16	28	20
No Hopers	14	22	16
Flyers	16	18	12
Young Guns	16	16	16
Anthill Mob	16	12	22
Clueless	16	12	12
Trappers	14	12	12
Wreckers	16	12	8
Rousdon Reb	16	8	22

MEN'S DIV TWO	P	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	12	19	14
Miscellaneous	12	16	8
President's Men	12	15	8
Tornadoes	12	12	12
Alleytwits	12	10	18
British Legion	12	7	8
Shakers	12	5	14

Lyme Regis Bowls

Meagre return

THE 2017 season got under way with the ladies playing their first league game on Tuesday at Bridport only could only scrape two points from the encounter.

Results: Dorset Ladies Division One
Lyme Regis 45 Bridport 69; H Dowling, A Rattenbury/ S Wood, L Broom, N Stephens 23-10; J Moffitt, V Henson, S Rowe, C Barber 15-26; C Pomeroy, A Darvill, A Allman, P Weech 7-33.

Friendlies: Lyme Regis 87 Queen Camel 86; A Darvill, E Skeemer, A Preece, Chas Barber 24-15; M Knight, B Stephens, J Moffitt, B Rattenbury 21-8; T Young, S Wood, A Nabarro, Chris Barber 6-33; L Young, B Driscoll, B Parsons, P Moffitt 20-12; T Payne, P Knight, D Wood, D Meylan 16-18.

Lyme Regis 65 Seaton 77; V Henson, J Owen, A Nabarro, A Rattenbury 19-18; F Sell, P Knight, R Hobbs, J Moseley 15-18; A Darvill, T Payne, S Wood, R Legg 12-26; M Bartlett, P Oakley, E Skeemer, D Wood 19-15.

Axminster 79 Lyme Regis 74; No other details available.

Cricket - a preview of the Dorset League season

WITH STUART BROOM

Local derbies open new season

THE new seasons kicks off this Saturday with two local derbies involving **DORCHESTER**.

The first team host young pretenders Martinstown at the Rec, whilst the seconds travel the short journey to Charlton Down, newly promoted from Division Four.

Simon Mitchem will again skipper the county town team, with James Dunham his vice-captain, whilst former captain Dan Belt will assume responsibility on the field.

They have signed Indian-born New Zealander Bhatrat Popli as their overseas player this year who will be available for the first half of the season.

Popli, who turns 28 at the end of this month, and who can also bowl leg spin, was named New Zealand's domestic cricketer of the year for 2015/16 after becoming just the fifth batsmen to score 1000 runs in a Plunket Shield season, the Kiwi's domestic first-class championship.

His haul of 1149 runs in ten games at an average of 65.78, eclipses the great Jeff Crowe, and is only bettered by former England international Graeme Hick and the late Martin Crowe.

There is consolation for possible nervous opposition at facing Popli, in his lastest first class game for Northern Districts against Otago at the end of March, he bagged a pair!

The second team will be skippered this season by Mike Peak who has taken over from Malcolm Stroudley who will be available for some games, but has decided to become involved with umpiring which will mean he will not always be available. Pete Diffey will be vice-captain.

MARTINSTOWN, now in their third year in the Dorset Funeral Plan Premier League will be looking to get revenge for their opening defeat in last season's opening fixture when Dorchester won by eighteen runs.

Nets have gone well and they recently beat Southampton University in a friendly by ten runs at Lower Ashton Farm that confirmed the decision to promote Sean Williams from the 2nd XI.

Williams, now 15-years-old, hit his first maiden half century towards the end of last season, and continued that with a magnificent 83 against the university.

Ed Nichols who will once again captain the side said: "Sean has progressed leaps and bounds since last year. He is an inch taller and stronger and his innings against Southampton showed his potential. His timing of the ball is absolutely superb."

Nichols himself isn't in too bad a nick. He scored 59 for a league representative team against Dorset Leopards at the weekend showing he has lost none of his form that saw him selected for the Leopards at the end of the last campaign.

Besides Nichols, Dorchester's Mitchum also played, bowling a steady 10 overs for the league XI.

The squad will be generally the same as last term, with two additions, one being Mike Kennedy-Barnard who was with Branksome last season. A bowler of in-swing, he is also a hard hitting lower order batsman.

Matt Rimmer will lead the second team again this year.

CHARLTON DOWN's meteoric rise by winning four consecutive promotions sees them competing in Division Three this term, where they will not only lock horns with Dorchester 2nds but also Beaminster among others.

Captain Pete Tucker has been busy during the winter devising and organising a new form of cricket, TT25 that will see people of all generations playing family cricket.

Meanwhile the Herrison Oval is looking in splendid condition complete with resplendent new covers for the grass wicket.

Besides all the same faces from last year, the club are looking to introduce four of the Under 15 team to the first team ranks.

The club has a reputation of coaching young players through youth levels, and many of the current squad are products of that policy.

With the club now in its fifth year, Tucker is especially pleased because these four are the first of a crop of youngsters that are purely Charlton Down cricketers; the original youngsters moved to the club from others when it was formed. With 65 youngsters regularly attending coaching or games, the conveyor belt continues.

Former youth player Sam Rose who is trying to make his way as a golfer in the US will also be available for all but the last couple of games.

There are also a couple of new faces who have joined the club. One is Mark Robinson who is turning his attention from football to cricket for the summer. Robinson is the Dorchester Town Football Club Stadium Manager, but is also a cricketer of note. Having captained Pytchley in Northamptonshire, he is an all rounder who bowls medium pace.

Although it will be a much tougher test for his team this season, Tucker is pleased that the Division Three matches are 45 overs per side.

"I thought last season was going to be a bit of a test, but this year we have a number of club's first teams as well as some other pretty handy sides. However, we have lots of bowling so another five overs might be good for us."

The promotion of Cattistock to County Division One means another local derby when they meet Weymouth.

They open their season with a home fixture against Broadstone 2nds who finished sixth last term so should be a good marker as to the quality of their league.

■ **EXCITING SIGNING:** Bhatrat Popli will be pulling on a Dorchester shirt

They will also have the services of an overseas player, another Kiwi, Bradley Johns, a 19-year-old right handed wicket-keeper-batsman. A product of Hutt International Boys' School near Wellington, he should add quality to the squad, which essentially is the same as last year.

Martin Langford who missed the last few games last season is back from India, and was in fine form when Cattistock beat Portland Red Triangle in a 20/20 at Reforne on Saturday.

Langford took 7-20, all his victims bowled, as they dismissed the hosts for 189 before passing the total for just four wickets down.

WEYMOUTH captain Simon Browne is hoping that better availability will result in more consistency from his side who struggled last season in Division One because of acute lack of numbers.

He hopes a reasonably good turnout for nets over the last couple of months and the reformation of a second team will improve availability. He also reported a couple on new faces from outside the area that had turned up for nets.

"We have a second team running this year which is effectively a "dads and lads" side consisting of some older players together with some youngsters which means that we will have some second team cricket so that on those occasions when I have more than enough, there is the option to play there rather than no cricket.

"Availability will be the main thing this season to ensure we get a competitive 11 out each week, and I'm confident that we will have a half decent season.

"I don't think we will be right at the top, but I'm hoping we will be somewhere near with the aim to keep an even keel for a couple of seasons to allow some of our promising youngsters to come through to the point they can take over from us older guys.

"Players like Dom Webb, Harry Mitchell and Joe James were called upon towards the end of the season and showed that they are now worthy of regular places.

"We've got some good youngsters that we have identified that we played with last year who were 15 to 18 years old who are turning into men physically, getting bigger and stronger and more able to cope with the demands of the first team."

He added: "I would like us to be more consistent in our performances throughout the season rather than the stop, start of last year."

With some of the older members having more settled work arrangements, he expects to be able to call on a good core of players each week to ensure a consistent side.

The second team who will play in Division Six, will be captained by Pete Gordon helped by Andy Anderson and one or two older heads.

A ladies team will also play in the TT25 competition.

PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE had a couple of 20/20 warm-up matches last weekend against Cattistock and Weymouth, and will be much the same line-up as last year.

Captain Matt Randall reported the team to be in quite good nick going into the season. He also confirmed that all rounder Richard Samuels and batsman Graham Emery, who both excelled in the second team last season, would be permanent members of the first team squad this year.

Randall is hoping that there will be better availability this season. "We have had a few more faces at nets so we are hopeful, we were just a little bit short of numbers last year.

They host last year's Division Three champions Cranborne in their opening fixture on Saturday, whilst the 2nds, captained by George Munro, visit Martinstown 2nds in Division Five.

BEAMINSTER are expected to be much the same as last year, with one or two older players making themselves more available, whilst captain Ross Baker introduces more of his youth players into the team.

They begin their season in Division Three with a trip to Poole Town 3rds.

Once again Puddletown and Abbotsbury will oppose each other in Division Four, with the former hosting Abbotsbury in the opening fixture this weekend.

Both sides will be much the same as last year although Puddletown welcome a couple of new players, one being former player Adam Barrett who has returned and will skipper the side.

ABBOTSBURY will be missing Aaron Oliver and Chris Backhouse for the opening few games.

Symene have switched back to playing on Saturday's and will start in Division Six where they will entertain Winton 3rds.

They will miss the all round qualities of Liam Toohill and Jon Legg who play for Cattistock on Saturday's. However, they still have the experience of veteran campaigners Nick Skyrme, Nigel Toohill, Colin Willcox and Graham Bartlett, who will once again lead the side, and the talented group of young cricketers who broke through last season, and will be even stronger this term.

BROADWINDSOR will have to do without veteran skipper Ade Phillips for the opening weeks as he recovers from an operation for repair to his tendons in his shoulder, for which he has waited all winter for. It also appears that Chris Park might have retired.

However, Phillips believes they will be strong enough to be competitive in Readers Mid-Wessex League Division One, and open the season at home to Crewkerne.

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures.

Knock Out Cup (semi-finals)
Tonight (Weds)
Mixed Fours Final
West Dorset Club - Fletches Four; After Eights; Brookside; Rest of the Best.

Ladies Pairs Final
Wednesday, May 3rd
Bridport FC - Huxter & R Chubb; S Newman & G Legg; S Tompkins & J Parsons; K Tuck & J Symes.

Mens Pairs Final
Friday, May 5th
Bridport FC - J Peach & D Langridge; M Hooper & J Symes; A Cauldwell & S Pitcher; I Pincombe & R Pincombe.

Mens Individual *Final*
Tuesday, May 9th
Ilchester Arms - M Horton; A Northover; N Pye; F Pomeroy; G Brooks; S Lee; S Pitcher; R Herbert.

Portman Cup SF
Wednesday, May 10th
Loders Arms - Castouts (22) v Rockets.
Woodman - Slingers (23) v Nelson Nobblers.

Nomination Final
Wednesday, May 10th
Bridport FC – Wanderers v Shipfaced.

Losers C & D Final
Thursday, May 11th
Bradpole Club - Yo Yo's v NBC.

***NOTE**: Tickets for Presentation Night are now on sale at the Lord Nelson @ £4 each or £6 on the door on the night.*

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	20	39
Masters	20	27
Rockets	20	26
Rejects	20	21
Denhay	20	20
Broadoak	20	18
Wanderers	18	18
Slingers	20	17
Nelson Nobblers	19	16
Rough Eight	19	16
Lively Lads	19	8
U Know the Blokes	19	8

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	18	25
The Dingles	19	25
Countrymen	18	22
Dingbats	18	20
Outsiders	18	19
Originals	18	18
Bangers	18	16
Survivors	18	16
Lost in Time	18	15
Castouts	19	14
Aussies Lot	18	10

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	20	34
NBC	19	28
Pioneers	20	28
LHS	19	24
Wickers	19	24
Whiskey Chasers	19	18
Unknowns	18	16
Stingers	19	15
Yo Yo's	19	13
Brandy Snaps	19	10
Groundhogs	18	10

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	19	34
Strawpeedoes	18	32
Featherbeds	18	25
BFC	18	24
Alleycats	18	22
Let em Roll	16	14
Offcuts	17	12
Hidden Talent	16	11
Firebirds	17	10
Pinbashers	17	10

Youth cricket

Tough start for Uplyme U13s

West Dorset Junior League
Uplyme U13 XI 58 all out
lost to Bere Regis 122-2 by 74 runs

UPLYME Juniors found the going tough in their first West Dorset League outing of the season against an experienced Bere Regis side.

The task was made even harder with the loss of two players to injury earlier in the day. Nevertheless the team, led by Sam Sims, bowled and fielded with enthusiasm.

Sims led the way with the ball conceding only nine runs from his four over spell and picking up the wicket of T Munnings clean bowled. The other wicket to fall was Sam Mayo run out by Sid Hancock.

Jack Rattenbury, Ollie Taylor, and Ollie Davies also bowled four overs each but without making a breakthrough and the Bere Regis innings ended on 122.

In reply, Uplyme lost Rattenbury and Davies in the first two overs without scoring but Taylor [5] and Sims steadied the ship. But the rest of the batsmen struggled against some accurate bowling.

Sims carried his bat for a well made 15*.

Bridport U13s 101 for 2 beat
Uplyme 18 all out by 83 runs

BATTING first, Bridport struggled against the leg spin of Jack Rattenbury who took two wickets in his first two overs, clean bowling both batsmen.

At the other end Ollie Taylor bowled a tidy opening spell conceding only five runs from his first two overs giving Uplyme a good start.

However, Bridport fought back to reach three figures. This was boosted by the 34 wides given away by the Uplyme bowling attack.

In reply Uplyme had no answer to the pace and accuracy of the Bridport opening bowlers who broke the back of the innings. Zac Vacher top scored with 4 as Uplyme limped along to 18 all out.

U15 Dorset Girls Indoor Final

AFTER winning the area qualifier the Woodroffe /Uplyme U15 girl cricketers made their way to Canford School, Corfe Mullen for the County finals where they faced Bournemouth School for Girls and Gillingham School in their group.

The team started well and pushed eventual finalist BSG all the way in the first game, just losing out by a couple of runs. The girls made no mistake in the next game as they out played Gillingham with both bat and ball.

However, one defeat sent them through to a third/fourth place play-off against Twynham School who won the toss and elected to field first.

The Uplyme team found themselves under pressure from some tight bowling and could only set a par score of 67. But they themselves bowled accurately and restricted the opposition to 49 all out to take third place in the tournament.

The girls have more outdoor cricket to look forward to in the next few months. They are entered for a Dorset schools outdoor tournament on June 6th and two women & girls' Dorset Cricket Board softball tournaments on July 2nd at Redlands and July 23rd at Ferndown.

Training for these events takes place at Uplyme CC on Fridays from 4-5pm. All girls aged 14+ are welcome to attend. Contact Eddie Clarke edandjoc@btinternet.com for further details.

Bridport & District Table Skittles

Division A	Pd	Pts	BL
Crown Duels	20	79	14
Jesters	21	79	15
What an Anchor	21	62	15
Hopeless Anchor	22	58	14
No Hopers	22	58	11
What's The Odds	20	56	12
Odds Against	22	55	9
Ria Gunners	22	51	12
Fred's Heros	20	43	5
The Devils	21	41	7
Muck' Fuddlers	21	25	7
Fishermans F'nds	20	24	6

Division B (final)	Pd	Pts	BL
Consorts	22	70	14
Five Alive	22	67	14
George Gormets	22	65	13
Bell Ends	22	63	10
Baggies Boys	22	63	16
Hit and Hope	22	63	11
Slingers	22	56	15
Little Nibblers	22	56	9
Mel's Men	22	47	9
Has Beens	22	37	6
About Time	22	37	7
Stickups	22	36	7

Wessex Point-to-Point

BY BOB BRACHER

Close finishes at Littlewindsor

A GOOD Bank Holiday crowd enjoyed an excellent afternoon of racing at the Cattistock meeting at Littlewindsor.

The rain kept away until after the last race and, on the softened ground following the overnight rain, the hard work done by Jeremy Barber and his team to produce at least good going was rewarded with some very competitive racing with three of the races being decided by a half a length or less.

The highlights were a training treble for Ottery St Mary trainer Ed Walker and a riding double for Josh Newman.

The opening race, the **MAIDEN** over two and a half miles, produced a surprise result with Taking the Mickey ridden by George Hiscock narrowly holding off the challenge of Smart Boy ridden by Will Biddick.

The latter who had looked the winner until blundering badly at the last tried to get back on terms but the winner had a neck in hand at the line.

The winner was bought privately from a friend in Ireland by trainer Annabelle Bacon as a three year old for a partnership consisting of Janet Montgomery and four members of Annabelle's family.

Based in Milborne Port this was only Annabelle's third training success and she was quick to praise the hard work done by Holly Tetsil in preparing the gelding.

George, despite putting up five pounds overweight on the four year old, was looking forward to a takeaway after not eating much over the last few days to get down to a low weight as possible.

The first of Ed Walker's training treble came courtesy of Mick's Lad who was a comfortable winner of the Restricted race.

Owned by John Dorse and Mike Roe he had been bought by Ed at Ascot in May 2016 for £9000 out of Dan Skelton's yard and has taken his time to learn to settle in his races.

Josh Newman was able to coast home to win by ten lengths from his nearest rival Faraway Star.

Ed expects there should be no problems in the gelding being able to get the trip over a full three miles provided he is able to run on good ground.

The Skinner's sponsored **LADIES OPEN** race saw the mare Miss Gotaway easily beat her three rivals when given a confident ride by Abbie Hughes.

Carrying only a featherweight of 10 stone two pounds due to the mare's allowance and the five pounds allowance claimed by Abbie she had 10 lengths in hand at the line from course specialist Sobre Tresor ridden by Taylor Pook.

Owned and bred by Audrey Goodwin she is a very progressive mare and is held in high regard by both Ed and Polly Walker.

The **MEN'S OPEN** was a close run affair with only a length separating the first three home. Kirkleigh had looked the winner having made most of the running but was passed on the run in by Kernel Victor ridden by Josh Newman.

Owned by long -time supporter of Ed Walker's stable Evelyn Targett the gelding has had a few issues in his preparation this season and has needed his races to get him fully straight. He stayed on very well over the last couple of fences having looked briefly in trouble as they came up the hill for the last time.

Kirkleigh ran an honourable race in defeat and mention should be made of David Redvers finishing a highly respectable third on Fiona Read's Sacre Toi.

The tightest finish of the day came in the **CONDITIONS** race with four of the six strong field in a line jumping the last fence.

Initially it looked like Dunn's River ridden by Will Biddick might prevail but both the mare Flights and the gelding Ballybough Gorta stayed on to fight out the finish with the mare having half a length to spare at the line.

Ridden by leading Novice rider Lorcan Williams the mare was stepping up into better company having previously won a Maiden at Charlton Horethorne but stayed on very well to give the Sally Alner stable another winner in what has been a tremendous season for her and the hard working Ali Trim.

The final two races provided a double for local trainer Jack Barber. He introduced a nice young four year old in the **OPEN MAIDEN** race called Worthy Farm ridden by Martin McIntyre who despite being quite novicey over his first few fences was soon in command and easily beat his six rivals by a distance.

Bought at the Tattersalls Derby sale in June 2016 for 60,000 Euros for a partnership consisting of Paul Nicholls, Ian Fogg, Dan Macdonald and Alfie Gibson he is a half-brother to the five times winner Mister Miyagi trained by Dan Skelton.

Explaining his name Paul Nicholls said that he had been having a meal with Michael Eavis the founder of the Glastonbury festival and the subject of horse names had come up.

Michael had suggested to Paul that Worthy Farm where the Festival has been held would make a good name and Paul decided to reserve the name immediately.

Well Travelled then walked over in the **MEMBERS RACE** to give Will Biddick and the Axe Valley Racing Club another winner.

The **WESSEX AREA PONY RACE** finals were held prior to racing with Freddie Gingell winning the 13.2 race aboard The Jobs Not Straight and Alfie Godfrey winning the 14.2 race riding Calypso and reversing the form when these two ponies met at the Seavington meeting just over two weeks ago.

Indoor Bowls

Potters smashed

WEEK one of the new Bridport Indoor Summer League saw Roy Nicoll, Geoff Hansen & Barry Mapson's Wickers beat Scuttlebutts 17-5 in the **morning** competition, with Sandra and Mel Hargett & David Jenkin's Bandits not far behind seeing off the Old Timers 17-6.

Chas Clarke, John Davies & Sheila Nicoll's Hotspurs finished with a four count to beat the Grumblers 14-7, whilst Peter Hunt, Rose & Chris Everest's Hatters won 12-10 over the Mannequins.

A two count on the final end gave Mike Loud, Gordon Lee & Bob Hill's Hillbillies a 12-12 draw against Margaret Fifield, Chris Thorner & Paul Hallett's Four Men and a Lady.

In the **Evening League**, Liz Walker, Gerry Moss & Ivor Parker's Chancers thumped the Potters 22-6, whilst a 2, 1, 3 finish by Alan Wotherspoon, Martin Grier & Hugh Rees's Gazelles saw them to a 13-10 victory over the Dingos.

Les Heath, Tony Sharood & Phil Benton's Wyverns came from behind to finish 2, 2 to beat Butlins 14-11.

Mel Hargett, Anne Parkins & Margaret Pestelle's Lillywhites beat Jackpots by the same score, as did Lee, Hill & Andy Marsh's Totties over the Pirates.

Eight up after two ends, Thorner, Clarke & Peter Hunt's Renegades then dropped 3, 1, 3, 1, 4 counts to trail 8-12 against Brian Suffling, Martin Wilton & Hallett's Was-up, before a final twist saw the Renegades turn it back in their favour to win 15-14.

Bridport Bowls

Mixed start as league get underway

FRANCIS Hewett, Gill Hunt, Alison Tibble & Margaret Clapp helped Bridport to victory at LYME REGIS in the opening Division One match of the campaign.

They only failed to score on just two ends as they won 33-7 at the Charlie Mercer Green as Bridport ran out winners 69-45 to claim eight points.

Lynne Craddock, Marion Carter, Rosemary Brooks & Melodie Watts led all the way and although Lyme pulled back to 16-15 on the 16thBridport won 26-15.

Jill Willcox, Mary Eastman, Laura Taylor & Pat Cornick had a tougher time and went down 10-23.

Bridport B opened their Division Two campaign with a 80-36 defeat against newly demoted POOLE PARK.

Jean Seadon, Pauline Newitt, Sheila Jones & Chris Cowdrey battled back from 6-23 down at 17 ends, before losing 16-23.

Joan Griffiths, Janet Bird, Marion Tocher & Delphine Street were level at the 10th end, but lost 9-28, whilst Liz Newman, Margaret Strange, Jan Tattershall & Barbara Iverson were going steady until the 15th end but failed to score after that, losing 11-29.

By contrast both men's sides won their opening games.

There was a close finish in the Dorset Championship League where Bridport beat WIMBORNE 66-62.

Dave Roberts, John Carter, Barry Shortland & Brian Conisbee just got over the line in a tight finish 21-20 after dropping three and one last two ends.

Craig Bosher, Tom Tocher, Keith Brooks & Chris Thorne also dropped a three and one on the last two ends, but this time it ended in defeat 21–22.

However, Ben Jones, Mike Smith, Bob Taylor & Brian Rumble secured the victory, although they too were taken to the death. They were 18-9 up after 15 ends, but were glad of the five on the 20th to win 24-20.

In Division One Bridport A scored a 54-47 victory over GREENHILL A.

Roy Lidington, Peter Carnell, Peter Scott & Ken Sanger were 15-15 at the 19th but scored two on the 20th to scrape home 17-16. C Hall, Paul Tibble, Ian Newitt & M Solomon were 13-7 up on the 14th but went down 15-19.

Chris Taylor, Steve Bartlett, Phillip Wilson & Dave Smith won well 22-12.

The Saturday friendly against TROEDYRIW from Wales resulted in a 109-109 tie.

Chris Taylor, Bob Wilcox, Keith Brooks & Pat Cornick scored 10 in the last four ends to win 26-16, whilst Roy Lidington, Gill Hunt, John Carter & Rosemary Brooks having been ahead most of the game dropped four on the last end to lose 18-19.

Laura Taylor, Geoff Strange, Marion Carter & Brian Rumble won 21 - 10, while Margaret Strange, Mary Marsh, Dave Robbins & Steve Bartlett led from the start in a splendid game to win 23-13.

However, the rinks of Brian Pratt, Chris Robbins, Peter Scott & Mike Smith (12-23) and Frances Hewett, Allen Bird, Jan Tattershall & Bob Taylor (9-28) were both defeated.

Sunday's friendly at Somerton was rained off.

Lyme Golf

Cox pips medal field

THE seniors' first medal of the season for the **Marsh Tankard** produced many good scores.

There was one excellent effort from Julian Cox as he came first with with a net 67.

The second, third and fourth positons were all under net par with 70, but on countback, Keith Gibson, Jack Hansen and Colin Preece finished in that order.

The **Midweek Stableford** continues to increase in popularity and this week Kevin Payne's score of 38 points was good enough to take first from David Fidge 37 and John Yorke 36.

In the **Ladies Stableford & McMillan Spoon,** captain Gilly Madill had a blistering front nine which included an eagle, for five points on the par 5 seventh and finished on 36 points to take Division One.

Rosie Jackman just pipped Diane Harris on countback as both finished on 35 points.

But the star of the day was Linda Deem who ran away with Division Two scoring freely throughout her round ending with 42 points - the highest score of the day.

Trailing in her wake, but with a very respectable score, was Amy Mudford on 40 points, with Corinne Jones coming in third with 36.

Bridport Golf

Liz and Sally carry hopes in Spoons

BOTH the Saturday and Tuesday ladies at Bridport at West Dorset Golf Club played in The Australian Spoons, a national competition for ladies with a handicap of 15 or over.

The winners from Bridport were Liz Walker & Sally Woolmington who scored 35 points will go into the draw against other clubs top scorers in the regional final and, then if successful, the national final.

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INSIDE: Dorset Cricket League preview

Bees sign off with win over bitter Bitton

Bridport 3 Bitton 2
Toolstation Premier – att: 110

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WITH Bitton requiring victory to ensure a chance of avoiding relegation, it appeared a much changed team including three or four players with Southern League experience had done the trick as they swept into a two goal halftime lead.

However an incident just before the break galvanised the Bees and a determined second half saw them deservedly fight back to snatch victory through a Mark Salter penalty a minute from time.

The visitors took the lead on four minutes through former Frome Town striker Dean Griffiths who took advantage of a slack pass on the halfway line to race through and score, and when they added a second midway through the half it didn't look good.

However, although Bitton had a fair amount of the play, Bridport had a number of chances themselves and were not out of the game by any means.

However, it was an incident on the cusp of halftime that saw the balance of power change.

Ed Butcher looked sure to pull one back as he broke through and started to round the keeper Will Justin, who came charging from his goal to knock him flying.

Whether it happened inside the penalty area is debatable; referee Lee Rutter decided it was a yard outside, but then only issued the gloveman a yellow card instead the red card he deserved as the last man.

The collision also resulted in Butcher being stretchered off with a twisted ankle, to be replaced by Josh Hull.

The injustice of the incident appeared to galvanise the team at halftime and they came out guns blazing playing some great football despite the hard pitch which made it difficult to control.

The Bees got the breakthrough they deserved on 72 minutes when Kameron Andrews headed home from 12 yards following a poor clearance, and seven minutes later they drew level when Hull fired home Charlie Hannam's cross from the edge of the box.

Justin got his just desserts two minutes time when twice he grabbed Hull around the shoulders inside the box, and Rutter pointed to the spot.

Salter calmly slotted home the penalty with his usual aplomb for the winner.

The referee did finally produce a red in added time, eventually sending off Griffiths who had constantly harangued the officials throughout the game.

Manager Adam Fricker said: "We knew it was going to be a tough challenge, but it was good because we knew as it was the last game of the season, we had to do our best.

Commenting on the incident just before halftime he said: "The keeper should have been sent off; the ref admitted after that he got it wrong; as he was reckless, and made no attempt to get the ball.

"However, this fired the players up and they played some great stuff in the second half and they didn't threaten us at all, it was just a case of us getting the breakthrough.

"When we did you could see their discipline going, and we just kept doing the right things and deservedly won.

"It was a nice way to finish the campaign and we need to carry it into next season."

■ FIRST SEASON OVER: Bees manager Adam Fricker

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